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YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TOO MUCH TO THE COPS LATELY, LARKIN...THEY KNOCKED OVER SIX NIGHTCLUBS OF OURS LAST MONTH. SO NOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE YOUR **FAREWELL SPEECH!**

HOLD IT, TORDEN. HE'LL MAKE THAT SPEECH, BUT HE'LL DELIVER IT BEFORE A JURY THAT'LL SEND YOU TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



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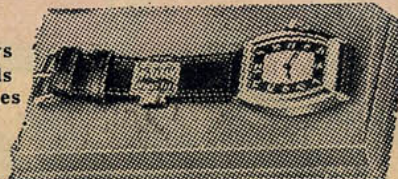


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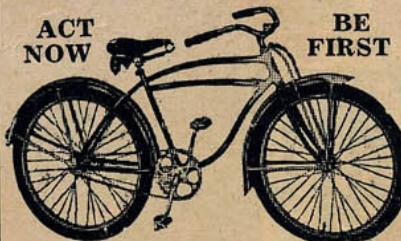
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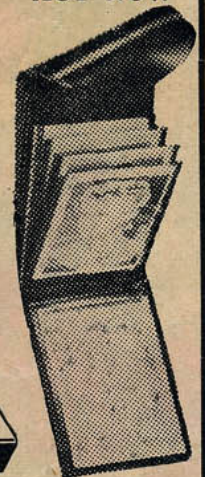
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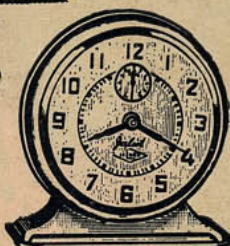
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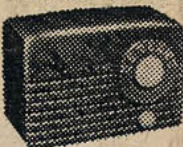
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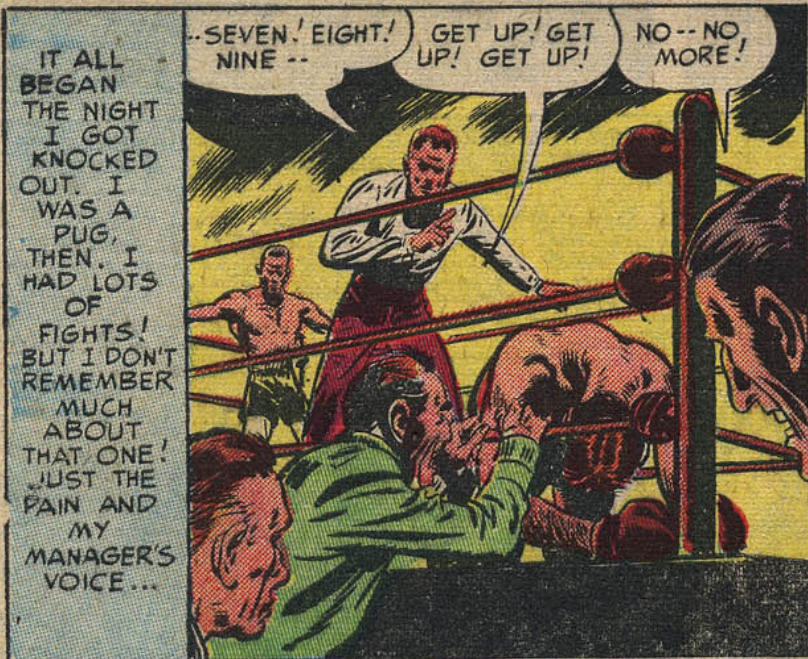
CHUCK TORDEN TALKS!

TONIGHT I DIE. I CAN'T ARGUE ABOUT THAT. I COMMITTED MURDER AND I DESERVE THE CHAIR. BUT DYING IS THE EASY PART. WHAT REALLY HURTS IS RUTH. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE HASN'T COME TO SEE ME. AFTER ALL, IT WAS FOR HER THAT I TRIED TO BE A BIG SHOT, TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A TWO BIT GORILLA, AN ORDINARY...

MUSCLE MAN!



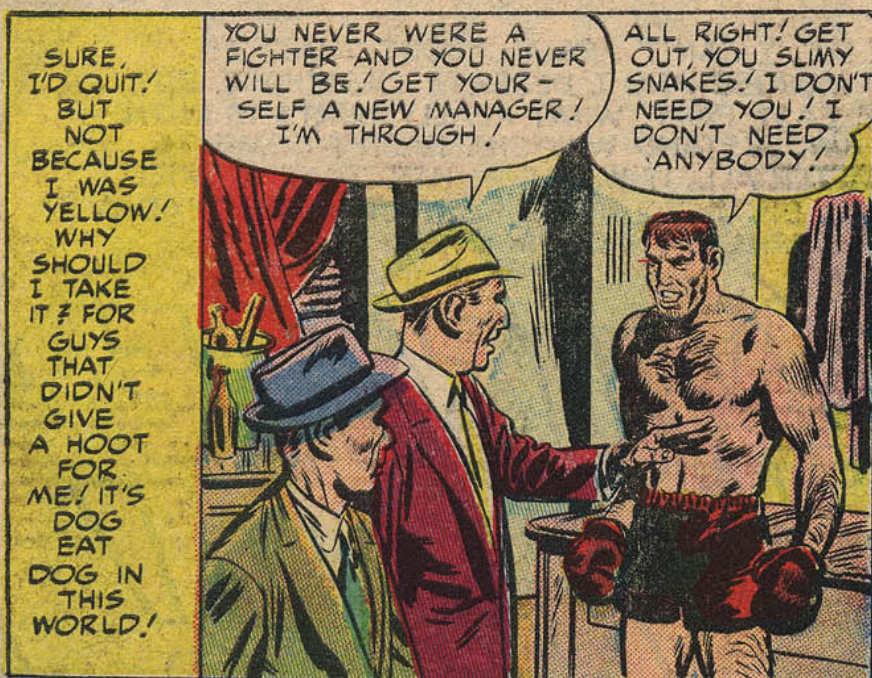
THE STORY BEHIND THE GANG WARS



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SURE, I'D QUIT! BUT NOT BECAUSE I WAS YELLOW! WHY SHOULD I TAKE IT? FOR GUYS THAT DIDN'T GIVE A HOOT FOR ME! IT'S DOG EAT DOG IN THIS WORLD!

YOU NEVER WERE A FIGHTER AND YOU NEVER WILL BE! GET YOURSELF A NEW MANAGER! I'M THROUGH!

ALL RIGHT! GET OUT, YOU SLIMY SNAKES! I DON'T NEED YOU! I DON'T NEED ANYBODY!



THE WHOLE WORLD WAS LIKE THAT! EVERYBODY OUT FOR WHAT THEY CAN GET! I HAD NOTHING! NOBODY! A'D I DON'T CARE!

IT WASN'T TOO HARD AT FIRST, BEING ALONE! NOT AS LONG AS MY DOUGH HELD OUT! BUT ONE DAY, THE DOUGH WAS GONE...



SORRY, BUSTER! NO TWO-BITS, NO BED! THIS IS NO CHARITY INSTITUTION! BEAT IT... UGH!

BUT I DO GIVE SOMETHING FOR NOTHING!

INSIDE, I WAS ICE! I HAD JUST ONE THING! MUSCLE! MAYBE I COULD SELL IT!



SO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR ME, EH, TORDEN? DOING WHAT? I DON'T HANDLE FIGHTERS!

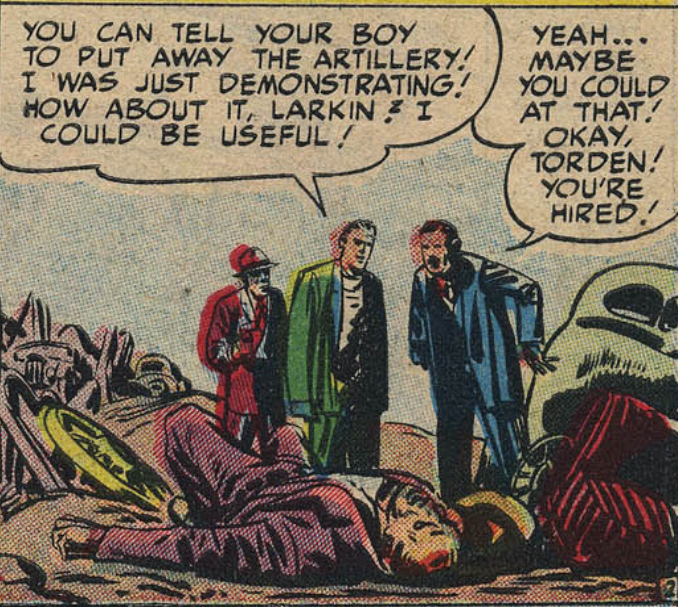
I NEED A JOB...AND I'M NOT PARTICULAR ABOUT WHAT KIND OF A JOB IT IS!



I'M NOT PARTICULAR AT ALL! FOR INSTANCE...

UGH!

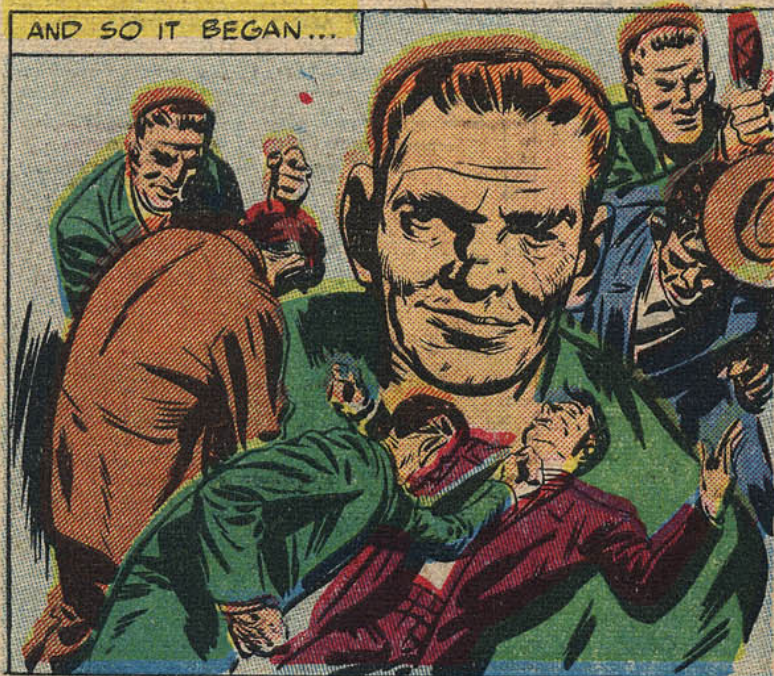
THIS PHIL LARKIN RAN A LOT OF GAMBLING JOINTS! THE JUNK YARD WAS JUST A FRONT!



YOU CAN TELL YOUR BOY TO PUT AWAY THE ARTILLERY! I WAS JUST DEMONSTRATING! HOW ABOUT IT, LARKIN? I COULD BE USEFUL!

YEAH... MAYBE YOU COULD AT THAT! OKAY, TORDEN! YOU'RE HIRED!

AND SO IT BEGAN...



I MADE A REPUTATION FAST! IT'S EASY WHEN YOU DON'T REALLY CARE IF YOU LIVE OR DIE! BUT I NEVER KILLED ANYBODY! THEN LARKIN FIXED THAT!

I DON'T KNOW, LARKIN! I'M A MUSCLE MAN, NOT A KILLER!

THE GUY I WANT BUMPED HAPPENS TO BE A COP! THAT TAKES A SPECIAL SORT OF GUY! ONE WHO DOESN'T SCARE EASY!



ONE WHO DOESN'T SCARE EASY! THAT WAS ME! WHY SHOULD I SCARE? LIVING DIDN'T MEAN A THING TO ME! SO I SAID, "YES!"



THAT'S HIM! DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOHNNY DRAPER!

OKAY! TAKE OFF!

SERGEANT DRAPER?

WHY, YES! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



NOT A THING, PAL! BUT THERES SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU...



I JUST KEPT STROLLING! THERE WAS NOTHING TO IT! THE COPS PICKED ME UP A FEW DAYS LATER, BUT WHAT COULD THEY PROVE?



OKAY, TORDEN, YOU'RE FREE! BUT GET THIS! WE KNOW YOU WORK FOR LARKIN! AND WE KNOW DRAPER WAS ON LARKIN'S TRAIL! IF YOU'RE GUILTY... WE'LL PROVE IT!

YOU'RE SCARIN' ME TO DEATH!

SO LONG, COPPERS! NEXT TIME... WHAT THE...

OH!





YOU MIGHT LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING, TORDEN!

AH, RELAX! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

HERE, MISS, LET ME HELP YOU!



OH, IT'S YOU! RUTH SAMPSON. EH? WHEN'D THEY TURN YOU LOOSE?

YOU... STAY AWAY FROM ME! I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP!

SOMETHING TELLS ME THE LADY DON'T LIKE THE SMELL OF BULLS! BETTER LET ME HELP HER UP!

SHE DIDN'T LIKE COPS! SO THAT MADE TWO OF US! OUTSIDE, I TOOK HER TO MY CAR! SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO TAKE IT! I'M NOT A THIEF! BUT... THEY GAVE ME THIRTY DAYS! I JUST GOT OUT! OH, HOW I HATE THEM!

HATING COPS IS A PRETTY POPULAR PAST-TIME, BABY! ESPECIALLY FOR SAPS THAT LET THEMSELVES BE PICKED UP!

WHEN I GOT HER TO THE PIGPEN SHE CALLED HOME, I TRIED SLIPPING HER A FIVER FOR LUCK...



COME ON, BABY, STOP PLAYING COY! YOU JUST DID THIRTY IN THE POKY! YOU'LL NEED DOUGH!

NO, I... NO! I'LL FIND A JOB! I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW! I... I COULDN'T TAKE MONEY FROM YOU!

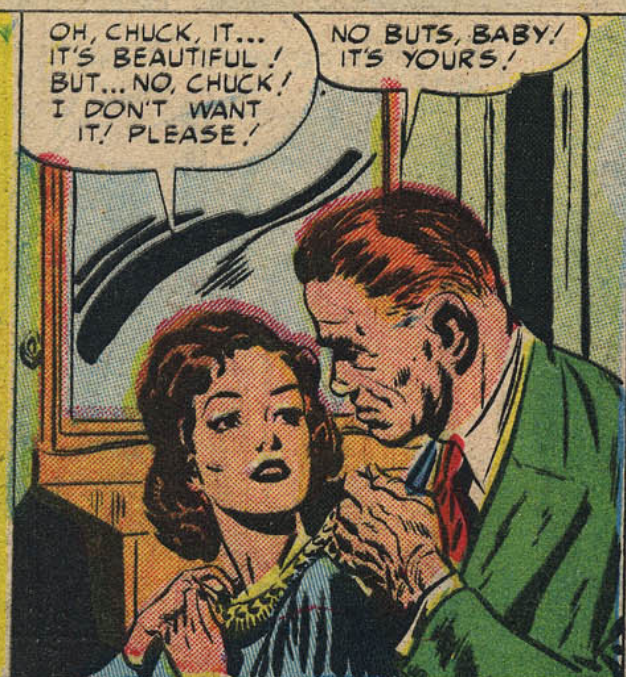
I BELIEVED HER! MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE SHE TURNED DOWN THE DOUGH! I WASN'T USED TO THAT!

OKAY! TELL YOU WHAT, THEN! SUPPOSE YOU COME ON OUT WITH ME AND GET A GOOD MEAL?

ALL RIGHT! I... I DON'T THINK I CAN STAND BEING ALONE TONIGHT!



SO, AFTER THAT, I USED TO DROP IN ONCE IN A WHILE AND SAY HELLO. RUTHIE DIDN'T ASK QUESTIONS, AND SHE DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING! THAT'S WHAT DID IT! HER NOT WANTING ANYTHING!

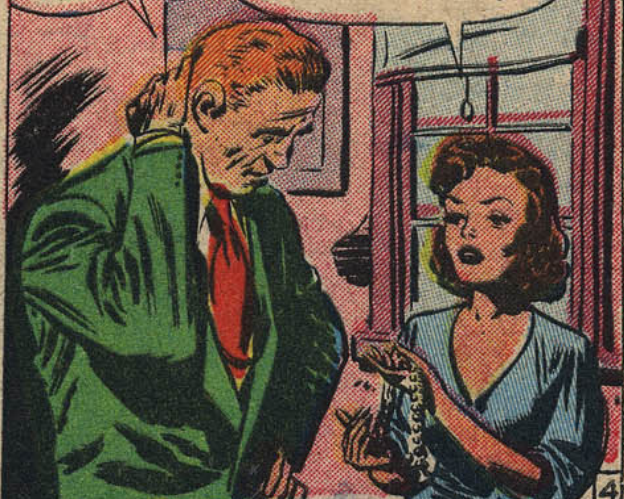


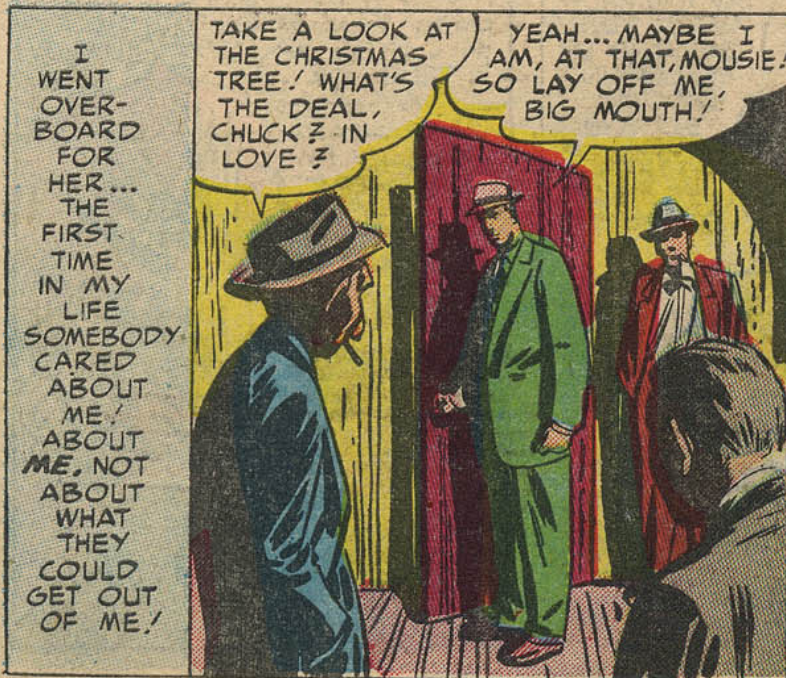
OH, CHUCK, IT... IT'S BEAUTIFUL! BUT... NO, CHUCK! I DON'T WANT IT! PLEASE!

NO BUTS, BABY! IT'S YOURS!

I DON'T GET IT! IT'S A GIFT! I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT!

I... I DON'T WANT GIFTS, CHUCK! JUST KNOWING YOU HAS BEEN... SWELL! I'VE BEEN HAPPY, CHUCK! THAT'S ALL I WANT, EVER!





I WENT OVER-BOARD FOR HER... THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE SOMEBODY CARED ABOUT ME! ABOUT ME, NOT ABOUT WHAT THEY COULD GET OUT OF ME!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE! WHAT'S THE DEAL, CHUCK? IN LOVE?

YEAH... MAYBE I AM, AT THAT, MOUSE! SO LAY OFF ME, BIG MOUTH!

MOUSE WAS RIGHT! I WAS IN LOVE! AND A GIRL LIKE RUTH DESERVED MORE THAN JUST MUSCLE! SO I GOT AMBITIOUS!



NO... NO... MORE... DON'T HIT ME... AGAIN!

COLUCCI! YOU RUN A GAMBLING ROOM, I WANT IN FIFTY-FIFTY! WHAT'S THE ANSWER?



YEAH... Y-YOU'RE IN! ONLY.. NO... NO MORE...

NOW, YOU'RE BEING SMART, COLUCCI! YOU'LL LIKE HAVING ME FOR A PARTNER... ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT!

IN THREE MONTHS I OWNED HALF A DOZEN SPOTS! THEN... TROUBLE!

BOSS! THE COPS JUST KNOCKED OFF THAT NEW SPOT OF OURS OUT IN THE SUBURBS! THEY GRABBED TWO OF THE BOYS!

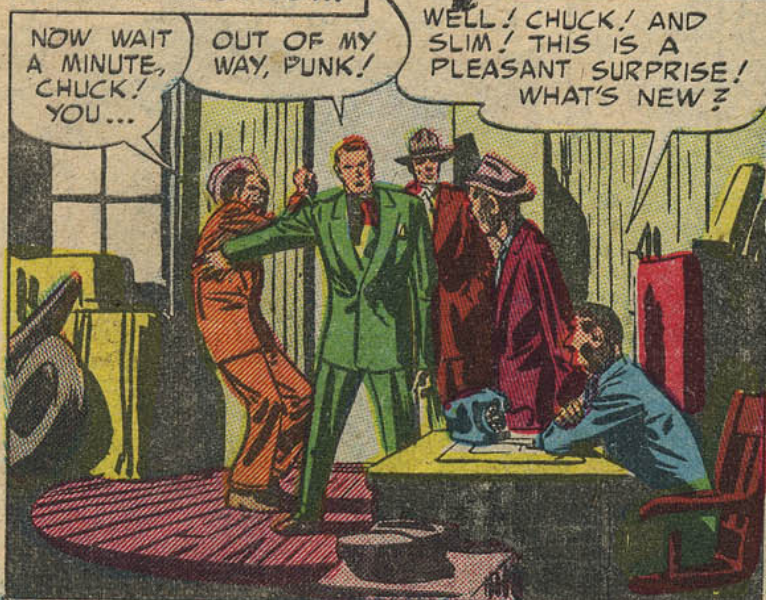
THE COPS! BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THAT PLACE! HOW...



HOW ISN'T IMPORTANT! WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THE BOYS?

NOTHING! THAT'S THEIR HEAD-ACHE! THE COPS CAN'T PROVE I RUN THAT PLACE! HOW DID THEY KNOW?

THERE WAS JUST ONE PERSON WHO COULD'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE! LARKIN! HE WAS PLENTY SORE WHEN I QUIT HIS MOB! SO...



NOW WAIT A MINUTE, CHUCK! YOU...

OUT OF MY WAY, PUNK!

WELL! CHUCK! AND SLIM! THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE! WHAT'S NEW?



I TOLD HIM! PLENTY! AND WHEN I WAS DONE...

YOU'RE CRAZY! I DON'T HOLLER COPPER! YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, CHUCK! WHY SHOULD I TIP THE COPS?

WHY? BECAUSE UNTIL I CAME ALONG YOU HAD THIS TOWN SEWED UP TIGHT, LARKIN! BECAUSE I'M COMPETITION!



IF YOU WANT A FIGHT, LARKIN, I'M FOR IT! ANY TIME! THAT'S PLAIN ENOUGH FOR YOU!

YEAH, IT IS! WHY DON'T YOU GET SMART, TORDEN? WHAT...WHAT PERCENTAGE IS THERE IN US FIGHTING EACH OTHER? THERE'S PLENTY FOR BOTH OF US!



YOU WERE A MUSCLE, NOW YOU'RE A BIG SHOT! OKAY! YOU'VE GOT DOUGH, A MOB... EVEN A GIRL, WHY RISK ALL THAT? I'M WILLIN' TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU!

SO YOU KNOW ABOUT RUTH! CHECKING UP, EH, LARKIN? SNOOPING! SO YOU COULD TIP THE COPS!



IT'S MY BUSINESS TO KNOW THINGS! WHAT WILL IT BE, TORDEN? A DEAL, OR...
UGH!!

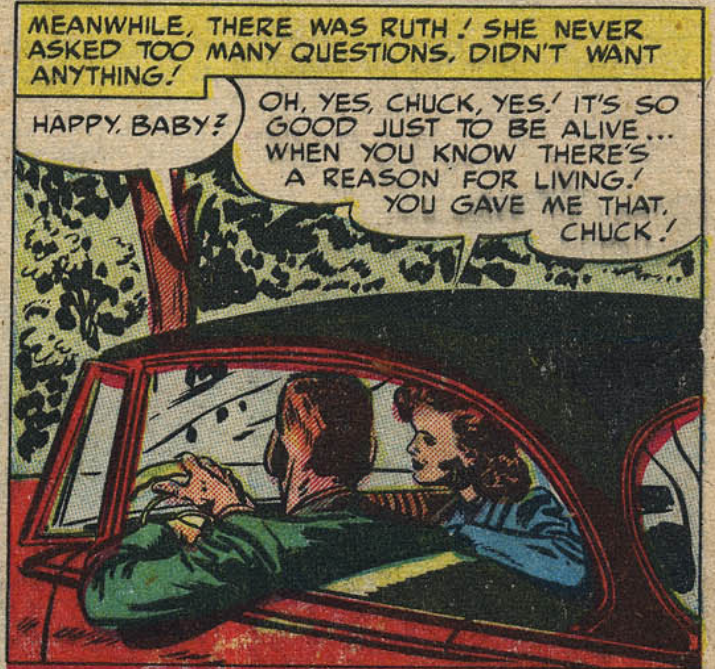
YOU
FIGURE
IT OUT!

MOUSIE AND THE OTHER PUNK NEVER MOVED A MUSCLE! AND SLIM JUST GASPED! MOUSIE AND SLIM KNEW NERVE WHEN THEY SAW IT!



WHAT HAPPENS NOW, BOSS? LARKIN WON'T TAKE THAT!

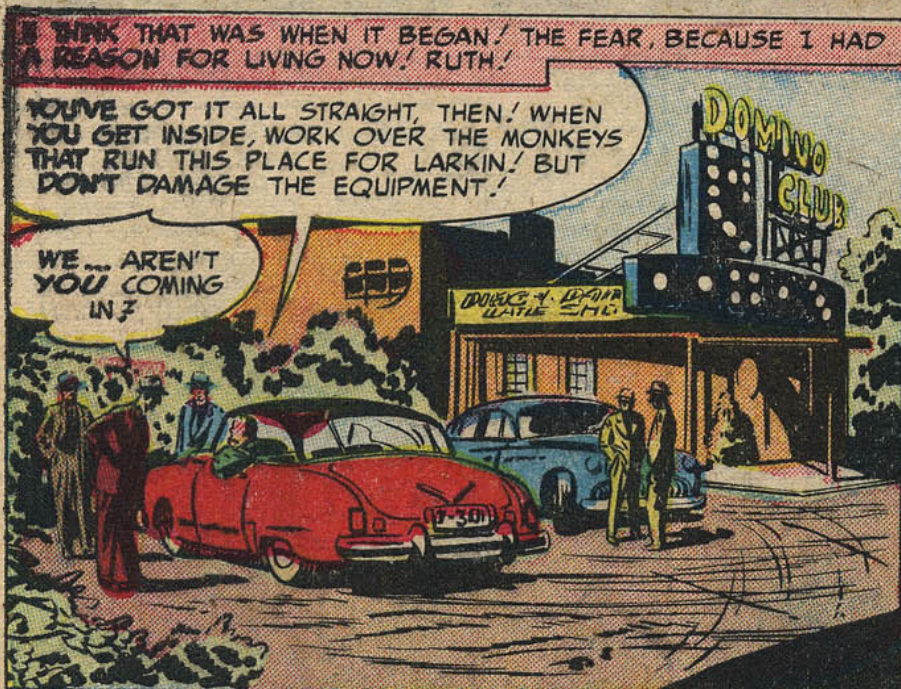
THAT'S EASY! THERE ISN'T ROOM IN THIS TOWN FOR TWO BIG SHOTS!



MEANWHILE, THERE WAS RUTH! SHE NEVER ASKED TOO MANY QUESTIONS, DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING!

HAPPY, BABY?

OH, YES, CHUCK, YES! IT'S SO GOOD JUST TO BE ALIVE... WHEN YOU KNOW THERE'S A REASON FOR LIVING! YOU GAVE ME THAT, CHUCK!



I THINK THAT WAS WHEN IT BEGAN! THE FEAR, BECAUSE I HAD A REASON FOR LIVING NOW! RUTH!

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL STRAIGHT, THEN! WHEN YOU GET INSIDE, WORK OVER THE MONKEYS THAT RUN THIS PLACE FOR LARKIN! BUT DON'T DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT!

WE... AREN'T YOU COMING IN?



SURE I AM! WHEN IT'S ALL OVER! I WANT THIS JOB DONE BEFORE THE PLACE OPENS UP FOR THE NIGHT!

YEAH! SURE, BOSS! SURE!

THEY WENT IN WITHOUT ME! FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY WENT... BUT THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT! I JUST WATCHED!

BRANCH! LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!



BUT I WAS TOO LATE! IN A MINUTE, IT WAS OVER! I OWNED ANOTHER GAMBLING SPOT... AND ONE OF MY MEN WAS DEAD!

BRANCH IS DONE! THAT KNIFE FINISHED HIM!

THAT'S TOUGH! GET RID OF HIM AND GET THIS PLACE CLEANED UP!



I TALKED TOUGH BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN I WAS SICK! SICK! THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME ON THE FLOOR! AND IT MUST HAVE SHOWED!

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? GET RID OF HIM!

YEAH! OKAY!



AFTER THAT, I TOOK OVER A LOT OF LARKIN'S SPOTS! ONLY, WHILE I WAS HITTING LARKIN, THE COPS WERE HITTING ME!

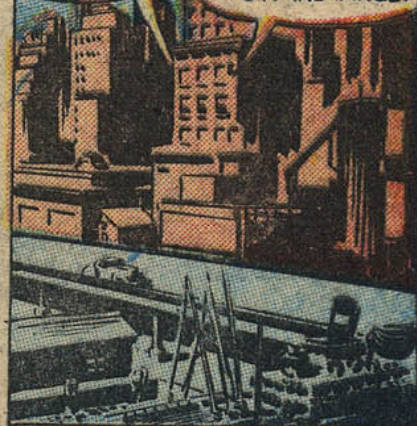
LOOK AT THAT! SIX OF OUR SPOTS... RAIDED! WHAT'S THE GOOD OF US TAKING OVER LARKIN'S PLACES! SOMEBODY'S TIPPING THE COPS!

SURE! SOMEBODY'S TIPPING THE COPS! LARKIN!



BUT SOME OF THOSE SPOTS OF OURS WEREN'T OPEN FOR BUSINESS YET! LARKIN COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THEM! IT WAS SOMEBODY ELSE!

SOMEBODY LIKE WHO, FOR INSTANCE?



ALL RIGHT! MAYBE IT'S TIME I SPILLED IT! WE THINK... IT'S YOUR GIRL FRIEND!

MY... YOU'RE CRAZY! WHY, YOU...



I STARTED FOR HIM... AND I STOPPED! BECAUSE I WAS SCARED! BECAUSE NOW, I WANTED TO LIVE!

NO... YOU... YOU'RE WRONG! RUTH IS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO NEVER WANTED ANYTHING FROM ME! WHY SHOULD SHE CROSS ME?

YOU MEAN YOU AIN'T GONNA SLUG ME? NOT EVEN FOR THAT?





SO WE WERE RIGHT! YOU'VE GONE YELLOW!

WE NEVER FIGURED YOUR GIRL WAS TIPPING THE COPS! IT WAS JUST A GAG TO SEE IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR NERVE! AND YOU HAVE!



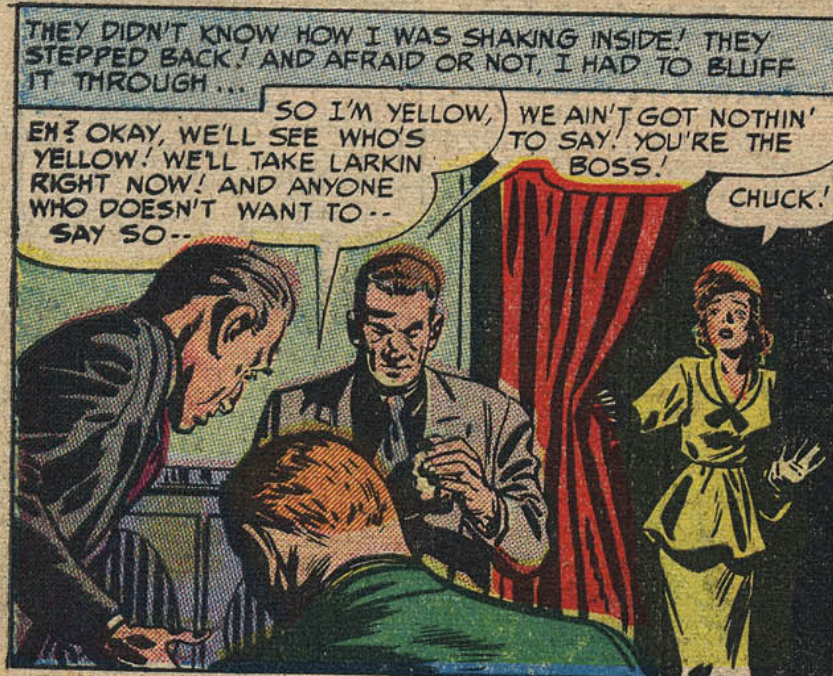
I--SEE. SO?

SO WE AIN'T RISKING OUR NECKS FOR YOU TO GET FAT!



THEY CROWDED AROUND LIKE VULTURES! THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW I FELT, THAT I HAD A REASON FOR LIVING NOW...

SO I LOST MY NERVE, EH? MAYBE THIS'LL MAKE YOU THINK DIFFERENT!



THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WAS SHAKING INSIDE! THEY STEPPED BACK! AND AFRAID OR NOT, I HAD TO BLUFF IT THROUGH...

SO I'M YELLOW, EN? OKAY, WE'LL SEE WHO'S YELLOW! WE'LL TAKE LARKIN RIGHT NOW! AND ANYONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO-- SAY SO--

WE AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' TO SAY! YOU'RE THE BOSS!

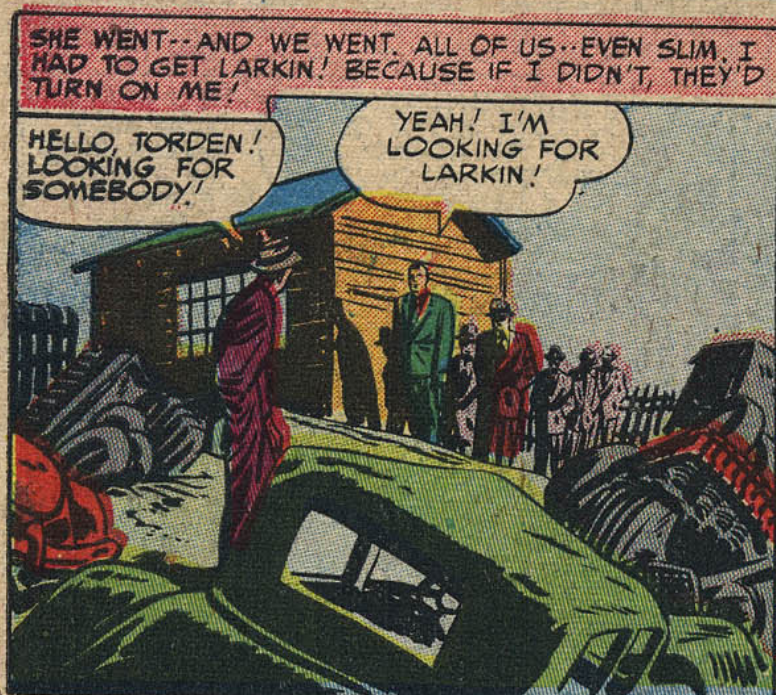
CHUCK!



I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ASKING RUTH TO MEET ME FOR LUNCH! I GOT RID OF HER! FAST!

CHUCK! THAT MAN! HE--HE'S HURT!

HE'S ALL RIGHT! PLEASE, RUTH! GO HOME! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!



SHE WENT--AND WE WENT. ALL OF US--EVEN SLIM. I HAD TO GET LARKIN! BECAUSE IF I DIDN'T, THEY'D TURN ON ME!

HELLO, TORDEN! LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY!

YEAH! I'M LOOKING FOR LARKIN!



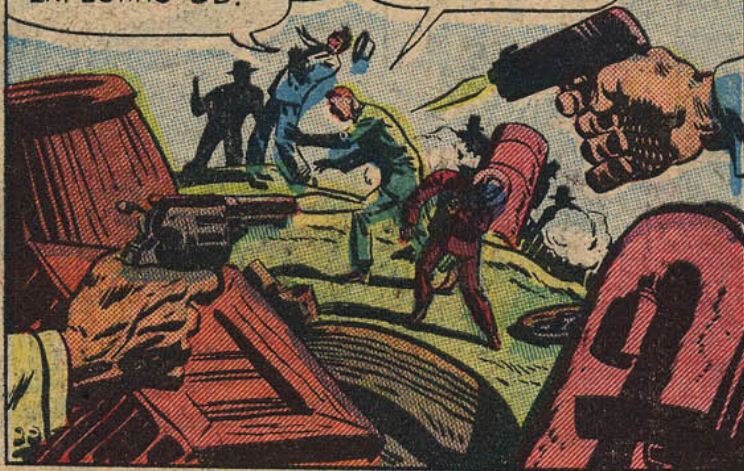
SLIM! NO! WAIT!

WHAT THE--

MOUSIE SAW THE ROD--AND DUCKED! DON'T ASK ME WHY I GRABBED AT SLIM! ALL OF A SUDDEN, I JUST DIDN'T HAVE ANY NERVE LEFT! THEN...

WHAT THE -- THEY'RE PLANTED ALL OVER THE PLACE! THEY WERE EXPECTING US!

NO! DON'T SHOOT, LARKIN! LARKIN! DON'T!



TORDEN! YOU DIRTY-- RUN OUT ON US, WILL YOU!

LARKIN--I AH-H-H! MY LEG!



FIRE RIPPED THROUGH MY THIGH! I FELL HARD! BUT I DIDN'T GO OUT!

LARKIN! DON'T-- DON'T SHOOT! WAIT--

WAIT FOR WHAT, TORDEN? YOU ASKED FOR IT! NOW YOU GET IT, YOU--



AH-HHH--



I GOT LARKIN! BUT I EMPTIED MY GUN ON HIM!

SLIM--ALL

OF THEM, DEAD! MOUSIE-- LARKIN'S BOYS-- THEY'LL KILL ME, I'VE GOT TO HIDE! GOT TO HIDE!



BUT THEY FOUND ME! GIVE YOU MY RACKETS, EVERYTHING! I'LL GET OUT OF TOWN! DON'T KILL ME! PLEASE! DON'T--

MOUSIE! NO, I'LL

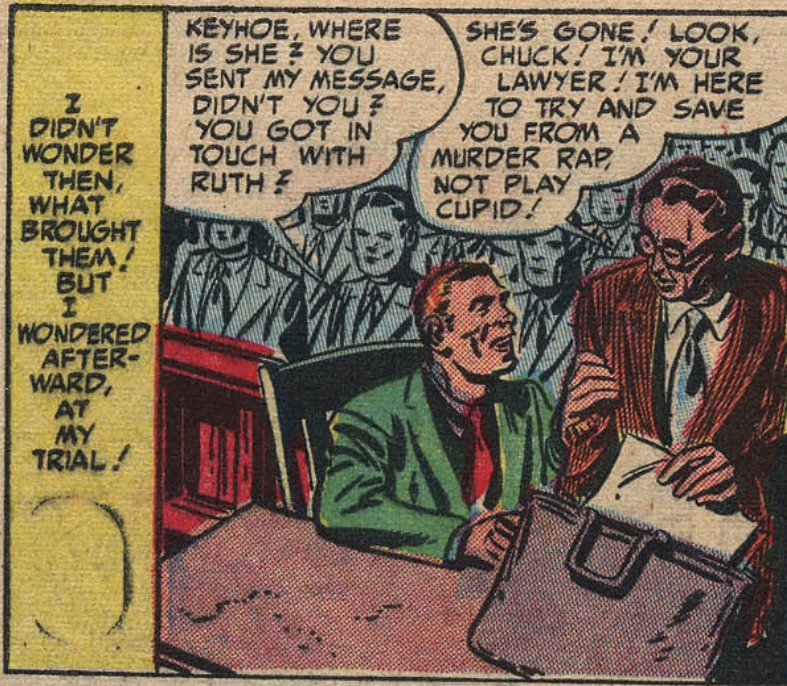
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO KILL YOU, TORDEN! THEIR KILLING DAYS ARE OVER! DROP IT, MOUSIE! AND THE REST OF YOU, TOO!



COPS! COPS! I'M SAFE! I'M SAFE!

YEAH, TORDEN! YOU'RE SAFE FOR NOW!

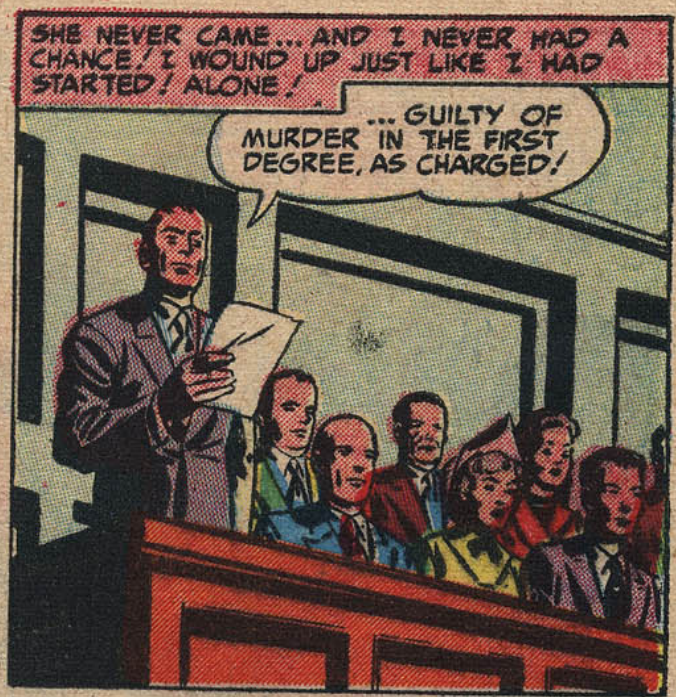




I DIDN'T WONDER THEN, WHAT BROUGHT THEM! BUT I WONDERED AFTER-WARD, AT MY TRIAL!

KEYHOLE, WHERE IS SHE? YOU SENT MY MESSAGE, DIDN'T YOU? YOU GOT IN TOUCH WITH RUTH?

SHE'S GONE! LOOK, CHUCK! I'M YOUR LAWYER! I'M HERE TO TRY AND SAVE YOU FROM A MURDER RAP, NOT PLAY CUPID!



SHE NEVER CAME... AND I NEVER HAD A CHANCE! I WOUND UP JUST LIKE I HAD STARTED! ALONE!

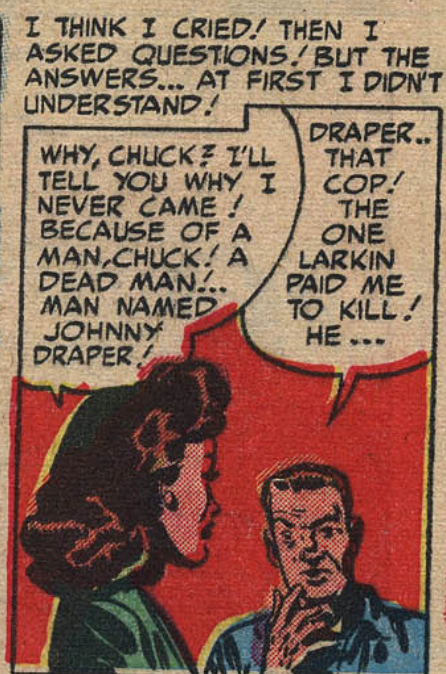
... GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AS CHARGED!



THE SENTENCE WAS DEATH! AND THE WEEKS WENT FAST! I HAD NO VISITORS! NOT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!

VISITOR TORDEN! YOU'VE GOT TEN MINUTES!

RUTH!



I THINK I CRIED! THEN I ASKED QUESTIONS! BUT THE ANSWERS... AT FIRST I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND!

WHY, CHUCK? I'LL TELL YOU WHY I NEVER CAME! BECAUSE OF A MAN, CHUCK! A DEAD MAN... A MAN NAMED JOHNNY DRAPER!

DRAPER... THAT COP! THE ONE LARKIN PAID ME TO KILL! HE...



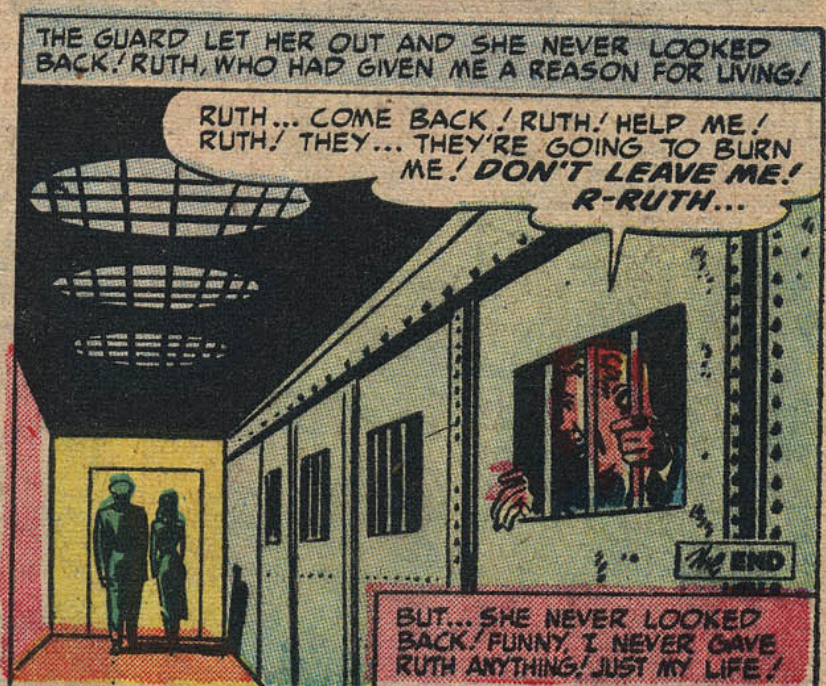
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO WITH DRAPER?

SO YOU *DID* KILL HIM! YOU... MURDERER! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I HAD TO DO WITH HIM! JOHNNY DRAPER WAS MY BROTHER!



YOU... THAT DAY WE MET! IT WAS A PLANT! IT WAS YOU! YOU WERE TIPPING THE COPS! YOU TOLD LARKIN WE WERE COMING!

NOT JUST LARKIN! THE POLICE, TOO! NOW THE SCORE IS EVEN!



THE GUARD LET HER OUT AND SHE NEVER LOOKED BACK! RUTH, WHO HAD GIVEN ME A REASON FOR LIVING!

RUTH... COME BACK! RUTH! HELP ME! RUTH! THEY... THEY'RE GOING TO BURN ME! DON'T LEAVE ME! R-RUTH...

BUT... SHE NEVER LOOKED BACK! FUNNY, I NEVER GAVE RUTH ANYTHING! JUST MY LIFE!

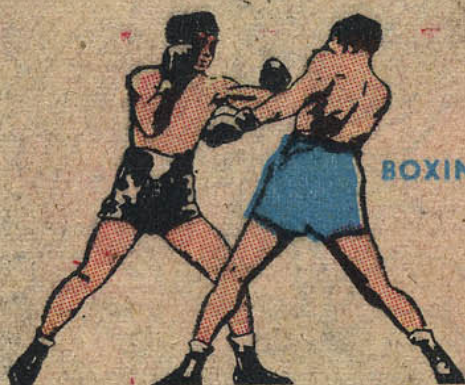
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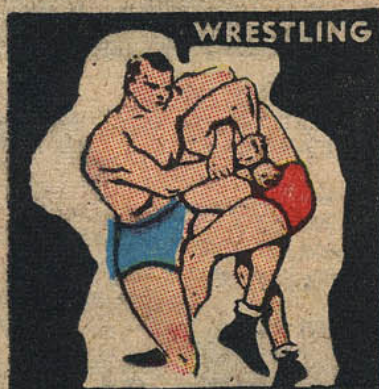
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THIS IS A STICKUP! GET 'EM HIGH, BOTH OF YOU!

EEEEEE!

PIPE DOWN!

I WILL NOT! HELP! POLICE!

OWWW-WW! JOE, GET 'EM! GET 'EM!

I CAN'T! SHE POKED THAT THING IN MY EYE!

DON'T STOP REDFIELD! WE CAN BEAT THAT COP!

HALT! HALT OR I'LL FIRE!



THEY RAN THROUGH THE NARROW, TWISTED STREETS AND DOWN COUNTLESS ALLEYS, UNTIL THE DARKNESS HAD COVERED THEIR ESCAPE!

YOU HAD THE GUN, YOU DOPE! **WHY** DIDN'T YOU LET 'EM HAVE IT?

AND RUN THE RISK OF A MURDER RAP OVER A TWO BIT STICKUP LIKE THAT?



YEAH, WELL TWO BITS IS BETTER THAN NOTHING! WHAT DO WE USE FOR DOUGH NOW? **YOU'RE SOFT, REDFIELD!** YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY NERVE!

OKAY, WISE GUY! YOU'RE ALWAYS **TALKING** ABOUT THE DOUGH YOU HAVE TIED UP! LET'S SEE YOU **PRY LOOSE** SOME OF THAT MILLION BUCKS YOU SAY IS COMING TO YOU!



IN FACT, I THINK YOU'RE A **PHONY!** WHY WOULD A GUY WITH A MILLION BUCKS BE LIVING IN A STINKING HOLE LIKE THIS?

LET ME HAVE THAT ROD! I'LL **SHOW YOU** HOW PHONY IT IS!

I'LL BE BACK WITH SOME DOUGH AND A RING THAT'LL BRING A GRAND, EVEN FROM A FENCE!

I'LL BE WAITING, FRENCHY! I'LL BE WAITING A LONG, LONG WHILE!

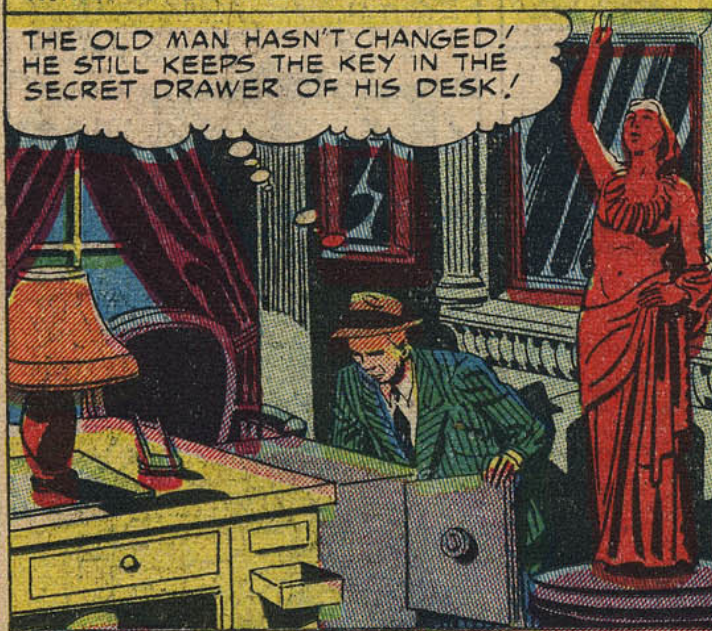


THROUGH GENERATIONS OF ARISTOCRATIC ANCESTRY HAD DESCENDED THE FINE OLD HOUSE OF THE FAMILY GARCON, THAT PAUL GARCON VISITED THAT NIGHT! IT WAS RICH IN TRADITION...



...RICH IN EARTHLY POSSESSIONS!

THE OLD MAN HASN'T CHANGED! HE STILL KEEPS THE KEY IN THE SECRET DRAWER OF HIS DESK!



LOOK AT IT! IT'S WORTH **TWO GRAND!** I'D BE A FOOL TO GO BACK AND CUT REDFIELD IN ON THIS!



PAUL GARCON WAS SO LOST IN HIMSELF IN GLOATING SPECULATION THAT HE DIDN'T HEAR THE SOFT TREAD OF SLIPPED FEET...THE CAUTIOUS TURNING OF THE DOOR KNOB...

YOU, PAUL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

UH... WELL, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? I NEED DOUGH!



YOU WERE STEALING THIS RING! THIS PRICELESS FAMILY HEIRLOOM! TO SELL, MOST LIKELY, FOR A FRACTION OF ITS VALUE!

BAH!

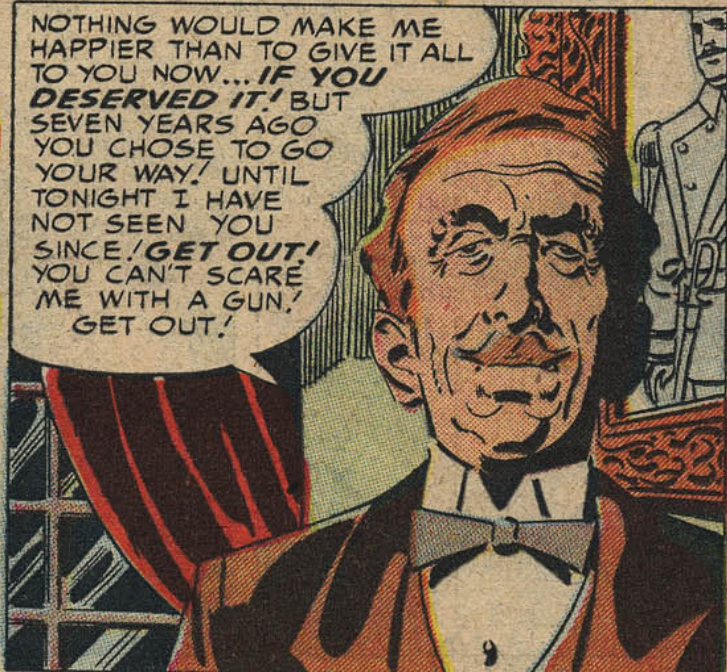


IT'S MINE BY RIGHTS! IT WILL BE WHEN YOU KICK OFF! WHY CAN'T I HAVE SOME OF IT NOW! I COULD GET IT ALL BY MERELY PULLING THE TRIGGER!

STOP IT! STOP IT!



NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN TO GIVE IT ALL TO YOU NOW... IF YOU DESERVED IT! BUT SEVEN YEARS AGO YOU CHOSE TO GO YOUR WAY! UNTIL TONIGHT I HAVE NOT SEEN YOU SINCE! GET OUT! YOU CAN'T SCARE ME WITH A GUN! GET OUT!



EVEN WITH A GUN IN HIS HAND, PAUL GARCON DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO STAND UP TO THE OLD MAN! SO, HE LEFT!

I COULDN'T FIND THE RING! BUT I DID DIG UP A HUNDRED CLAMS!

BAH! AND YOU TALK ABOUT MILLIONS! OH WELL, THIS IS BETTER THAN NOTHING!



THE MONEY DIDN'T LAST VERY LONG! NOT LONG AT ALL! SO..

GET THOSE HANDS UP! WHAT ARE YOU REACHING FOR?

TWENTY-FIVE BUCKS! TWENTY-FIVE LOUSY BUCKS!



PULL A ROD ON ME, WILL YOU?

DID YOU HAVE TO FIRE THAT THING, PAUL?

YAAA!





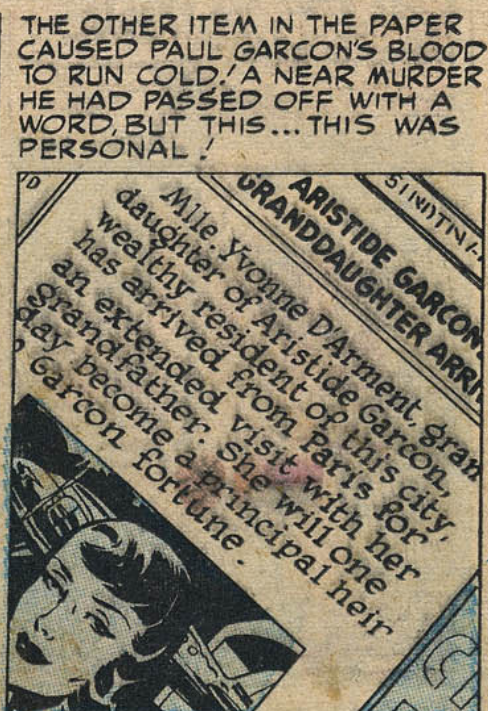
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER'N LEAVE A GUN IN YOUR HANDS, IF THAT GUY DIES... **IT'S MURDER!**

PIPE DOWN! I BOUGHT A PAPER, WE'LL FIND OUT!



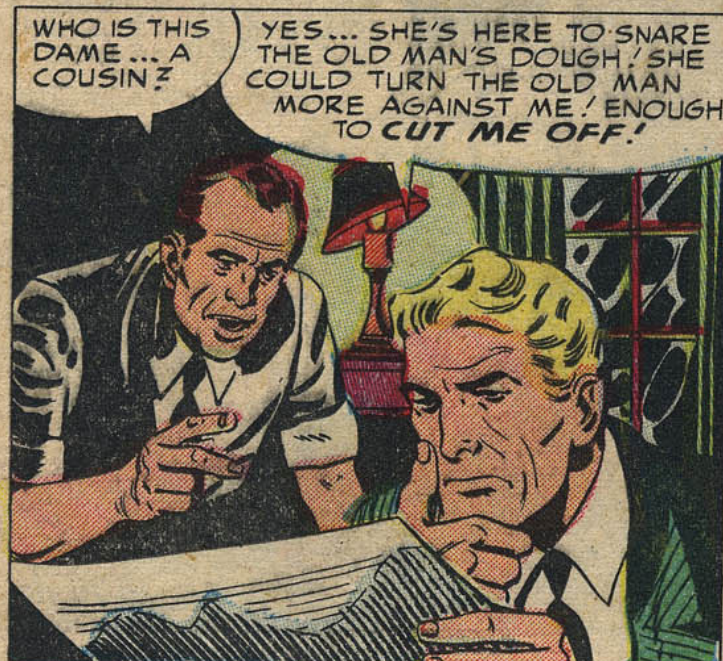
THERE IT IS, FRENCHY! LOOK! THE GUY DIDN'T DIE! WHEW! I THOUGHT MAYBE...

LOOK, HE GAVE THE COPS A FULL DESCRIPTION OF US! I SHOULD HAVE EMPTIED THE GUN ON HIM! UH... JOE, AND LOOK! **LOOK THERE!**



THE OTHER ITEM IN THE PAPER CAUSED PAUL GARCON'S BLOOD TO RUN COLD. A NEAR MURDER HE HAD PASSED OFF WITH A WORD, BUT THIS... THIS WAS PERSONAL!

ARISTIDE GARCON'S GRANDDAUGHTER ARRIVES
Mlle. Yvonne D'Arment, granddaughter of Aristide Garcon, wealthy resident of this city, has arrived from Paris for an extended visit with her grandfather. She will one day become a principal heir to the Garcon fortune.



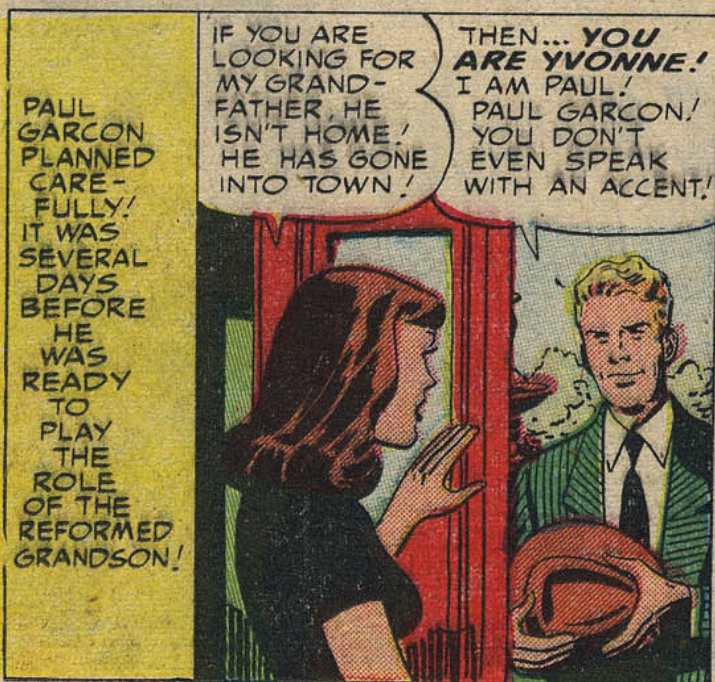
WHO IS THIS DAME... A COUSIN?

YES... SHE'S HERE TO SNARE THE OLD MAN'S DOUGH! SHE COULD TURN THE OLD MAN MORE AGAINST ME! ENOUGH TO **CUT ME OFF!**



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, FRENCHY?

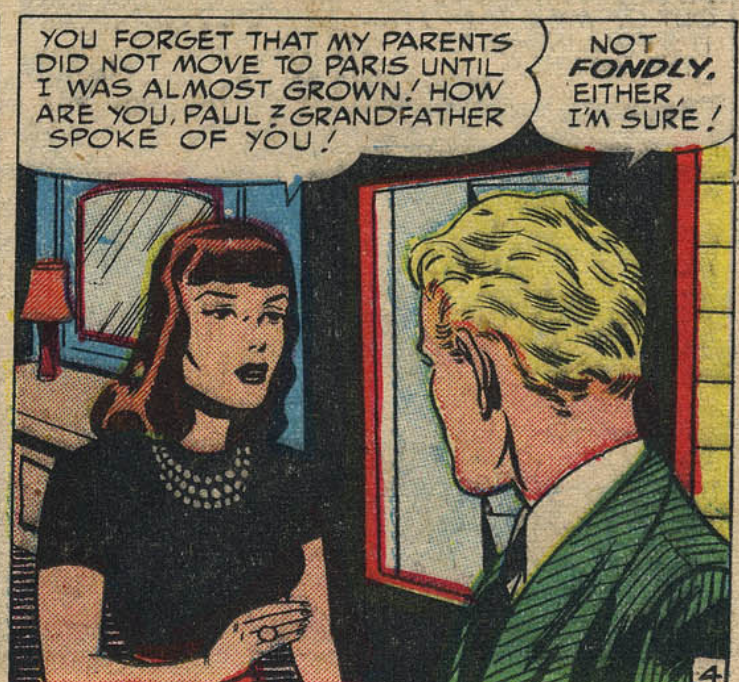
I'M GOING TO **GET HER OUT OF THERE!** BUT, FIRST I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE, AND WORM INTO THE OLD MAN'S CONFIDENCE AGAIN!



PAUL GARCON PLANNED CAREFULLY! IT WAS SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE HE WAS READY TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE REFORMED GRANDSON!

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MY GRANDFATHER, HE ISN'T HOME! HE HAS GONE INTO TOWN!

THEN... **YOU ARE YVONNE!** I AM PAUL! PAUL GARCON! YOU DON'T EVEN SPEAK WITH AN ACCENT!



YOU FORGET THAT MY PARENTS DID NOT MOVE TO PARIS UNTIL I WAS ALMOST GROWN! HOW ARE YOU, PAUL? GRANDFATHER SPOKE OF YOU!

NOT **FONDLY,** EITHER, I'M SURE!



I SEE **YOU** ARE WEARING THE OLD... I MEAN GRANDFATHER'S RING!

YES!



WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? YOU ARE NOT ANGRY, PAUL?

OF COURSE NOT! SOMETHING AMUSES ME, AND SO I LAUGH! COME, LET'S WALK ABOUT THE GROUNDS! IT'S STUFFY IN THE HOUSE! IT REMINDS ME OF A MORGUE!



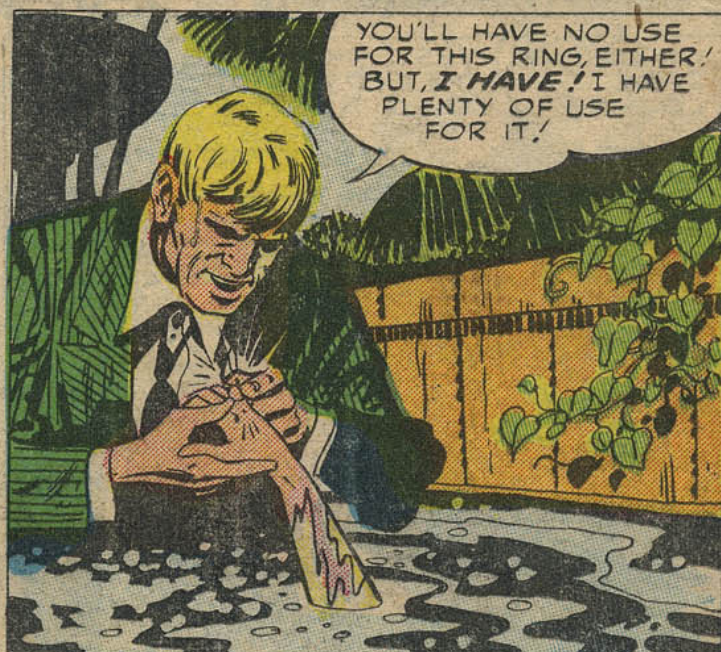
IS IT NOT **STRANGE**, PAUL, THAT GRANDFATHER KEEPS NO SERVANTS IN SUCH A LARGE PLACE?

HE NEVER HAS! HE WANTS THE PLACE TO **HIMSELF**! ONLY THE CLEANING WOMAN COMES IN BY THE DAY...

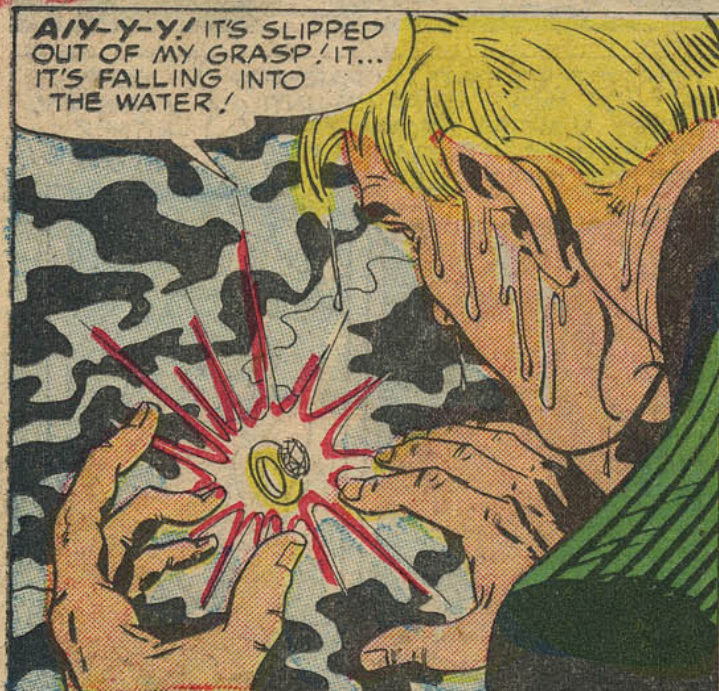
IT SEEMED TO PAUL GARÇON THAT FATE HAD HANDED HIM A NATURAL! IT WAS SO EASY! HE MERELY HAD TO HOLD YVONNE UNDER THE WATER UNTIL SHE STOPPED STRUGGLING...



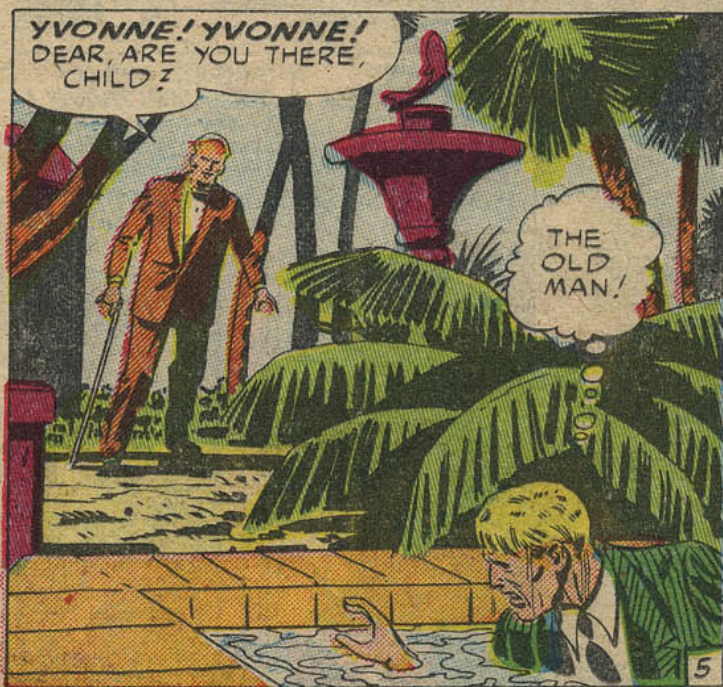
YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD GET THE FORTUNE **FOR YOURSELF**, EH? BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!



YOU'LL HAVE NO USE FOR THIS RING, EITHER! BUT, **I HAVE**! I HAVE PLENTY OF USE FOR IT!



AII-Y-Y! IT'S SLIPPED OUT OF MY GRASP! IT... IT'S FALLING INTO THE WATER!



YVONNE! YVONNE! DEAR, ARE YOU THERE, CHILD?

THE OLD MAN!

PAUL GARCON KNEW WELL EVERY INCH OF THE GROUNDS! ESCAPE WAS NOT DIFFICULT...



WHAT THE... WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, FRENCHY?

I'VE BEEN HERE! ALL THE WHILE! GET IT! YOU'LL SWEAR I'VE BEEN HERE! I'VE GOT TO HAVE AN ALIBI!



THE NEXT DAY...

THAT'S PERFECT.

THE OLD GOAT DIED OF A HEART ATTACK WHEN HE FOUND YVONNE'S BODY! IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED NEATER! I WAIT A LITTLE WHILE AND COLLECT!



WAITING DISCREETLY FOR THE OPPORTUNE TIME, PAUL WENT AT LAST TO THE OFFICE OF O.M. YARDLEY, ARISTIDE GARCON'S LAWYER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YARDLEY, **SOMEONE ELSE** IS CLAIMING TO BE PAUL GARCON! YOU KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE!

OF COURSE! YET, WHICH ONE OF YOU IS PAUL? WHICH THE IMPOSTER? ONE MOMENT! I'LL TELEPHONE THE YOUNG MAN AND ASK HIM TO MEET YOU!



LATER...

YOU'RE A LIAR! YOU CAN'T BE PAUL GARCON, BECAUSE **I AM!** TEST ME... ANY WAY! I'LL PROVE I'M ARISTIDE GARCON'S GRANDSON!

AND I CAN CHALLENGE YOU THE SAME WAY! I'LL PROVE I'M ARISTIDE GARCON'S GRANDSON!

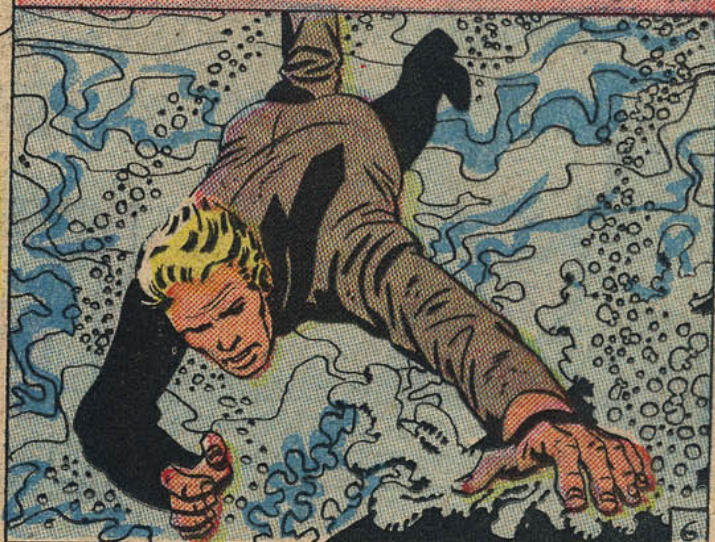


ALL RIGHT, THERE'S ONE WAY I CAN PROVE MY DESCENT! GRANDFATHER GAVE ME A FAMOUS **FAMILY RING!**... SOME YEARS AGO! IF I CAN PRODUCE THAT...

IF YOU CAN, YOU'LL PROVE YOUR POINT! THAT RING YOU SPEAK OF IS FAMOUS LOCALLY! RETURN HERE TOMORROW WITH THE RING AND I'LL GIVE YOUR CLAIM VERY GOOD CONSIDERATION!



THAT NIGHT WAS A TIME OF STEALTH AND ACTION! PAUL REMEMBERED WELL THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE SPOT WHERE THE RING HAD FALLEN! AGAIN AND AGAIN HE PROBED THE BLACK DEPTHS OF THE POND'S MUDDY BOTTOM...





AT LAST...

I'VE GOT IT!
I'VE FOUND
IT!

ALL RIGHT,
PAUL! I'LL
TAKE IT!



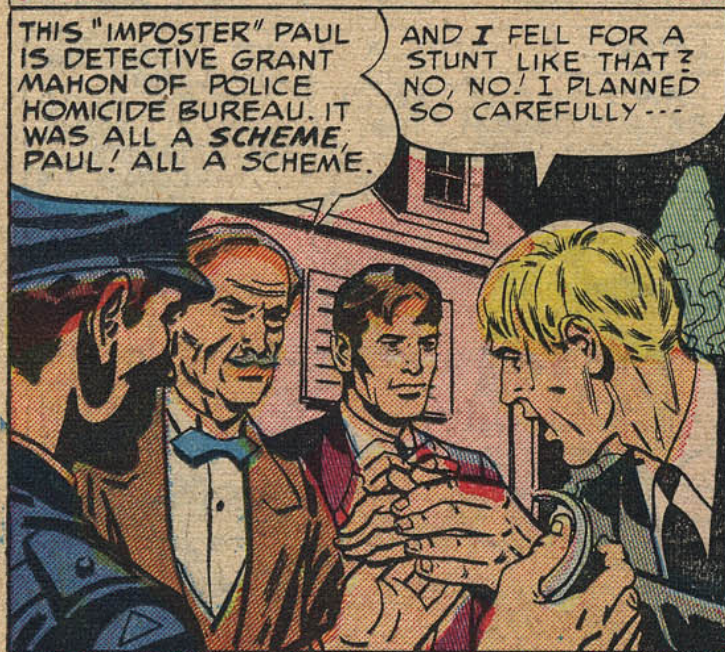
THE OLD--
**GRAND-
FATHER!**

YES, PAUL?
WHEN I FOUND
THE RING GONE
FROM YVONNE'S
FINGER, I HAD TO
SUSPECT YOU! I'D
HAVE GIVEN MY
LIFE NOT TO HAVE
THOUGHT IT
TRUE!



YOU WON'T
TAKE M—
A Y-Y-Y-Y-Y!

OH, YES,
WE WILL!



THIS "IMPOSTER" PAUL
IS DETECTIVE GRANT
MAHON OF POLICE
HOMICIDE BUREAU. IT
WAS ALL A **SCHEME**,
PAUL! ALL A **SCHEME**.

AND I FELL FOR A
STUNT LIKE THAT?
NO, NO! I PLANNED
SO CAREFULLY---



GIVE ME A BREAK,
GRANDFATHER! **HELP**
ME! DON'T LET THEM
TAKE ME
AWAY!

WHY COULDN'T
PAUL HAVE KNOWN
HE **COULDN'T** WIN?
WHY?

PAUL CONFESSED! JOE REDFIELD WENT TO
PRISON FOR HIS PART IN THE ROBBERIES...
PAUL WALKED THE LAST MILE TO THE
ELECTRIC CHAIR, A SNIVELING, SELF-PITYING
WRECK, MUTTERING CURSES ABOUT A
RING THAT HAD ENCIRCLED HIM, AND
BOUND HIM TO HIS DOOM....

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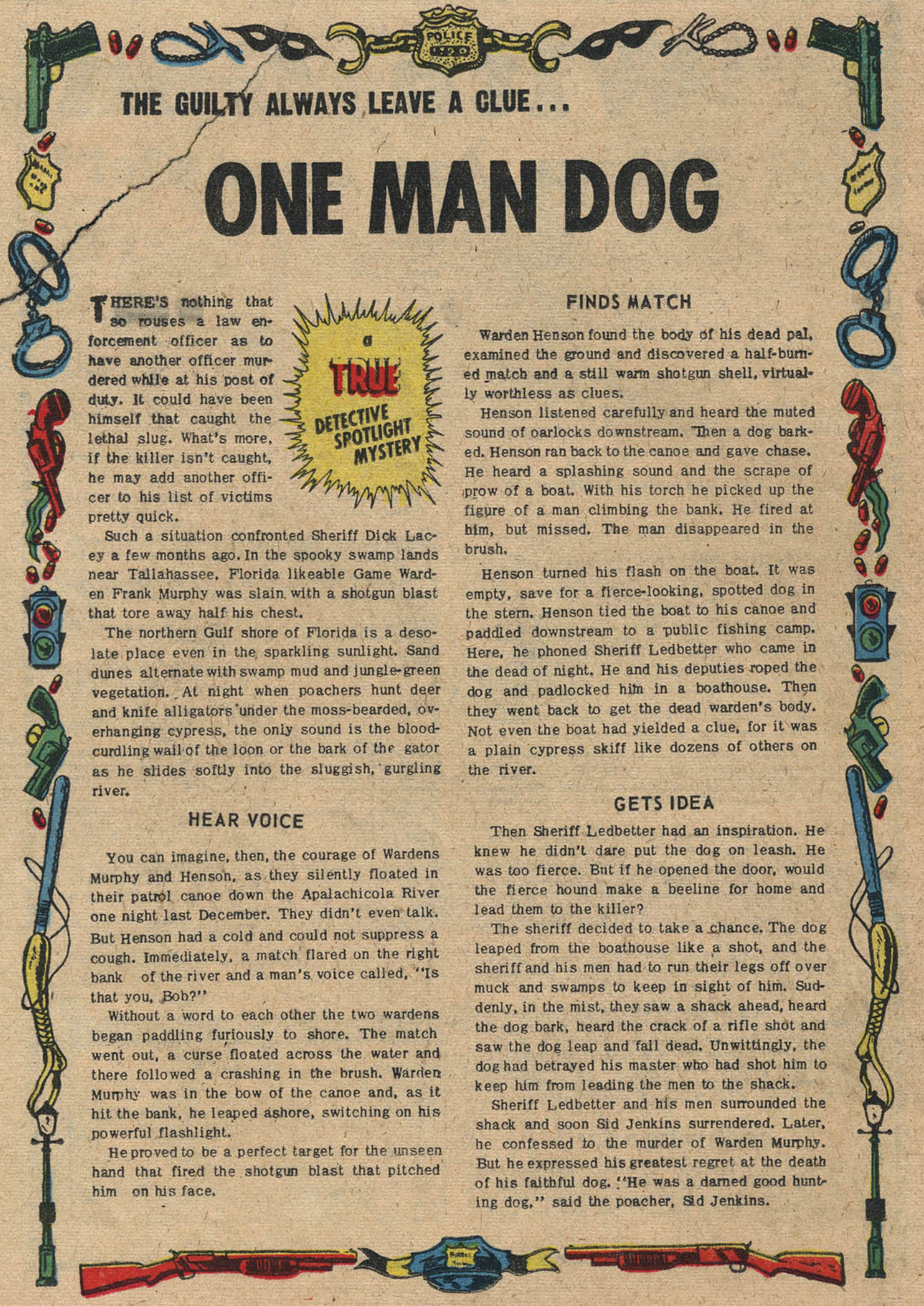
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HEAR VOICE

You can imagine, then, the courage of Wardens Murphy and Henson, as they silently floated in their patrol canoe down the Apalachicola River one night last December. They didn't even talk. But Henson had a cold and could not suppress a cough. Immediately, a match flared on the right bank of the river and a man's voice called, "Is that you, Bob?"

Without a word to each other the two wardens began paddling furiously to shore. The match went out, a curse floated across the water and there followed a crashing in the brush. Warden Murphy was in the bow of the canoe and, as it hit the bank, he leaped ashore, switching on his powerful flashlight.

He proved to be a perfect target for the unseen hand that fired the shotgun blast that pitched him on his face.

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FINDS MATCH

Warden Henson found the body of his dead pal, examined the ground and discovered a half-burned match and a still warm shotgun shell, virtually worthless as clues.

Henson listened carefully and heard the muted sound of oarlocks downstream. Then a dog barked. Henson ran back to the canoe and gave chase. He heard a splashing sound and the scrape of prow of a boat. With his torch he picked up the figure of a man climbing the bank. He fired at him, but missed. The man disappeared in the brush.

Henson turned his flash on the boat. It was empty, save for a fierce-looking, spotted dog in the stern. Henson tied the boat to his canoe and paddled downstream to a public fishing camp. Here, he phoned Sheriff Ledbetter who came in the dead of night. He and his deputies roped the dog and padlocked him in a boathouse. Then they went back to get the dead warden's body. Not even the boat had yielded a clue, for it was a plain cypress skiff like dozens of others on the river.

GETS IDEA

Then Sheriff Ledbetter had an inspiration. He knew he didn't dare put the dog on leash. He was too fierce. But if he opened the door, would the fierce hound make a beeline for home and lead them to the killer?

The sheriff decided to take a chance. The dog leaped from the boathouse like a shot, and the sheriff and his men had to run their legs off over muck and swamps to keep in sight of him. Suddenly, in the mist, they saw a shack ahead, heard the dog bark, heard the crack of a rifle shot and saw the dog leap and fall dead. Unwittingly, the dog had betrayed his master who had shot him to keep him from leading the men to the shack.

Sheriff Ledbetter and his men surrounded the shack and soon Sid Jenkins surrendered. Later, he confessed to the murder of Warden Murphy. But he expressed his greatest regret at the death of his faithful dog. "He was a darned good hunting dog," said the poacher, Sid Jenkins.

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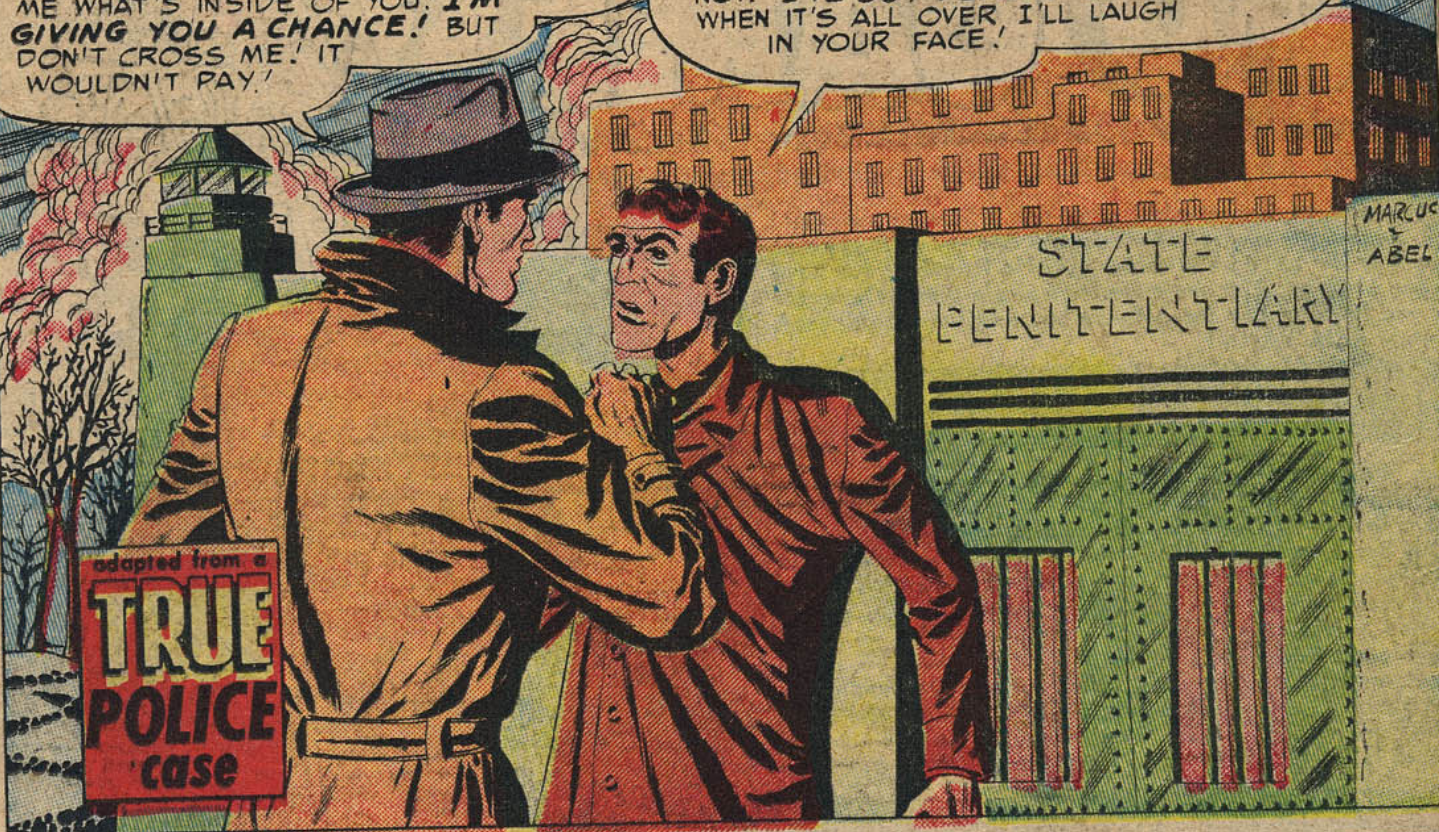


George Selman had just six months to prove he was something more than a spineless coward! Six months which gave him...

TIME TO KILL!

YOU'RE ON PAROLE, GEORGIE! GET THAT! FOR SIX MONTHS YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME WHAT'S INSIDE OF YOU! **I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE!** BUT DON'T CROSS ME! IT WOULDN'T PAY!

GET YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF ME, COPPER! I'LL STAY IN LINE FOR SIX MONTHS! WHY NOT! I'VE GOT **PLENTY OF TIME!** AND WHEN IT'S ALL OVER, I'LL LAUGH IN YOUR FACE!



MARCUS ABEL

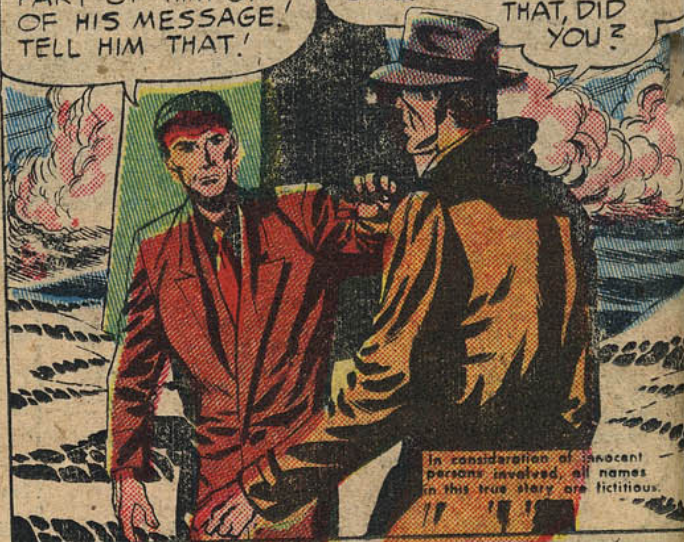
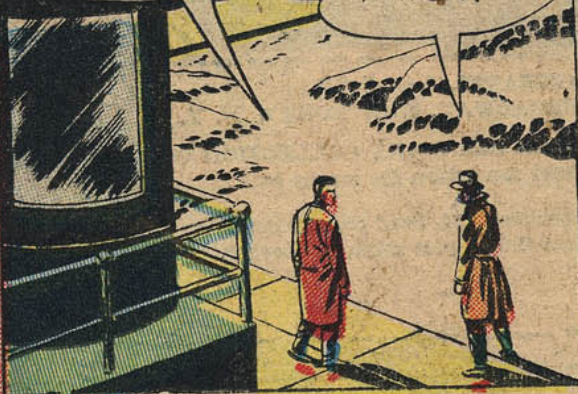
ON DECEMBER 5, 1948, AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS FOR A MINOR ROBBERY, GEORGIE SELMAN WAS RELEASED FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY...

HARRIGAN! I'D GIVE FIVE TO ONE SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN TO TAKE THE KICK OUT OF THIS DAY AND **YOU** SHOW UP! WHAT ARE YOU AFTER, COPPER?

STILL WEeping ABOUT YOUR LUCK AND MAKING ODDS, EH, GEORGIE? YOU DIDN'T LEARN MUCH IN THE BIG HOUSE, DID YOU? I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FOR YOU, FROM YOUR FATHER!

SAVE IT! HE NEVER SHOWED HIS FACE WHILE I WAS INSIDE! I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF HIM OR OF HIS MESSAGE! TELL HIM THAT!

WHY YOU... **YOUR FATHER'S DEAD!** HE HAD A STROKE THE DAY YOU WENT TO JAIL! YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, DID YOU?



In consideration of innocent persons involved, all names in this true story are fictitious.

YOU DIDN'T KNOW, EH? AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW I GOT YOU THE PAROLE EITHER, DO YOU? BECAUSE YOUR FATHER WAS MY FRIEND!

YOU WANT GRATITUDE MAYBE? OKAY, THANKS! NOW, GOOD-BYE!

HERE! HE SENT YOU THIS WATCH HE WAS AWARDED BY HIS FIRM! FOR TWENTY YEARS OF **HARD WORK** ... SUPPORTING YOU!

SUPPORTING ME? SURE, HE SUPPORTED ME! IN A ROTTEN TENEMENT IN THE SLUMS! THANKS! I OWE HIM A LOT! ARE YOU FINISHED?

NOT QUITE! GET THIS, GEORGIE! YOU'RE A GAMBLER, A CROOK, YOU'RE NO GOOD! BUT I PROMISED YOUR FATHER I'D DO MY BEST FOR YOU AND I'M GOING TO! I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! WHY SHOULD I WORK WHEN I CAN MAKE A PILE OF DOUGH JUST USING MY HEAD!

BECAUSE YOU'RE ON PAROLE! THAT MEANS FOR SIX MONTHS YOU WORK FOR A LIVING! ONE SLIP AND I'LL SQUASH YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO BE A CLERK... IN A JEWELRY STORE!

DID YOU SAY... A JEWELRY STORE?

YEAH, GEORGIE, A JEWELRY STORE! A PLACE WHERE YOU WILL HAVE A MILLION CHANCES TO STEAL! SO I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO SHOW THAT **YOU CAN BE HONEST!** AND, GEORGIE, YOU'D BETTER BE!

ANOTHER MAN, IN GEORGE SELMAN'S PLACE, MIGHT HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL! BUT GEORGE!

HELLO, GEORGIE! HOW'S IT GOING? YOU'VE DONE FINE SO FAR! KEEP IT UP ANOTHER TWO MONTHS AND YOU'LL BE OKAY!

YOU, AGAIN! I'M SICK OF THIS PLACE! AND I'M SICK OF YOU, TOO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!

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TWO MORE MONTHS! THAT TUNE HUNG HEAVY ON GEORGE SELMAN'S HANDS! AND HE WAS FED UP WITH BEING HONEST, WITH A COP WHO WAS TRYING TO HELP HIM...

SEVEN! YOU LOSE!

OF ALL THE... **THAT CLEANS ME!** A WHOLE WEEKS PAY, SHOT!

AND IT WAS EASY AFTER THAT FIRST TIME! EASY TO KEEP GAMBLING, TO WIN A LITTLE... AND TO LOSE A LOT! WEEKS LATER...

HEY, GEORGIE! COME INTO MY OFFICE A MINUTE! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



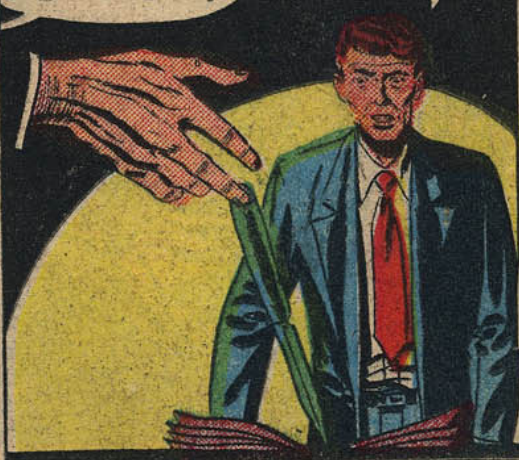
KNOW WHAT THESE ARE, GEORGIE? YOUR I.O.U.'S! A GRAND'S WORTH! I'M GIVING YOU JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO MAKE THEM GOOD!



I CAN'T RAISE THAT DOUGH IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! LOOK, I'VE GOT A HUNDRED BUCKS...

I SAID I WANT A THOUSAND! TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, GEORGIE... OR SIX INCHES OF STEEL IN THAT SKINNY THROAT OF YOURS!

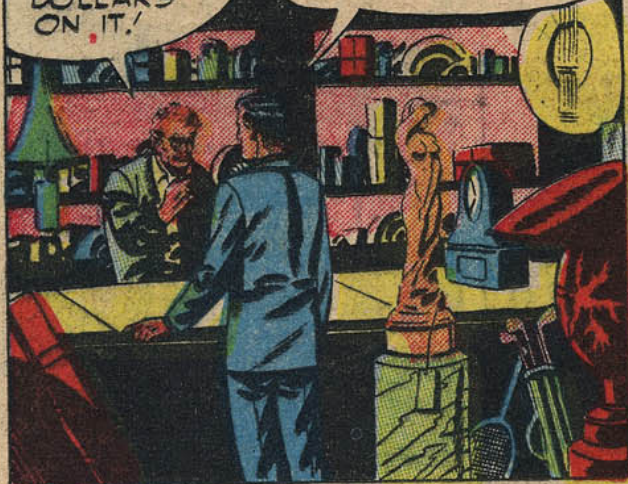
OKAY! OKAY! I... I'LL GET THE MONEY! I'LL GET IT... SOMEWHERE!



NEXT DAY...

NOT A BAD STONE! I CAN LET YOU HAVE A THOUSAND DOLLARS ON IT!

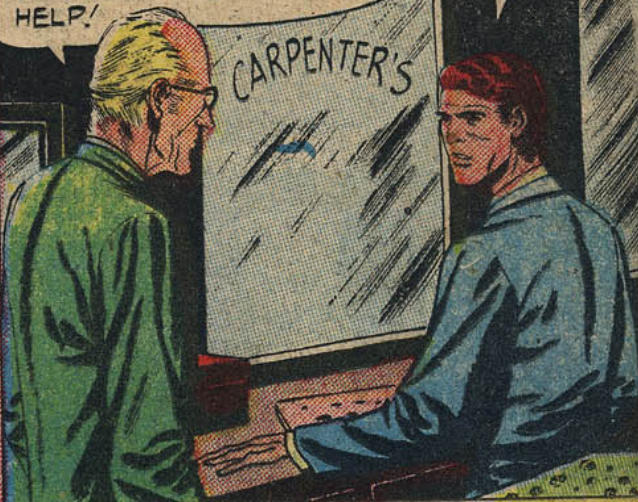
GOOD! I... MY... GIRL BROKE OUR ENGAGEMENT! I MIGHT AS WELL GET BACK PART OF WHAT I PAID FOR IT!



SO NICK CORSI GOT HIS MONEY AND GEORGIE SELMAN BOUGHT HIMSELF A LITTLE MORE TIME! EVERYTHING WAS FINE FOR JUST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS...

OH, GEORGE! I KNOW YOU'RE NOT DUE UNTIL ELEVEN TOMORROW, BUT TRY TO MAKE IT BY TEN, WILL YOU? I'LL BE TAKING INVENTORY AND I'LL NEED YOUR HELP!

WHY... YES, YES, SURE, MR. CARPENTER!



GEORGE DIDN'T SLEEP WELL THAT NIGHT! HE WAS THINKING OF A PRISON CELL, WHERE THE DAYS WERE LONG AND THE YEARS ENDLESS! AND IN THE MORNING!

NOW LOOK, SON! I CAN SEE YOU'RE IN SOME KIND OF A SPOT! BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE RING! IF YOU HAD SECURITY...

I CAN GIVE YOU A HUNDRED DOLLARS AND MY I.O.U.' AND ... WAIT A MINUTE! MY GOLD WATCH!



SORRY, BUT THIS THING ISN'T WORTH FIFTY DOLLARS, LET ALONE A THOUSAND! NO, I... LET GO OF ME!

NO! I'VE GOT TO HAVE THAT RING! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT WASN'T MINE! I STOLE IT!



I'VE GOT TO HAVE IT!

NO! YOU CRAZY FOOL! DON'T! DO...



I'VE GOT TO! I CAN'T GO BACK TO PRISON BECAUSE OF A ROTTEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! I CAN'T!



THAT WAS A RED LETTER DAY IN GEORGE'S LIFE. IN A LOT OF WAYS! LATER...

THEY NEVER EVEN MISSED IT! I'M SAFE! I... WAIT A MINUTE! JUNE FIFTH! JUNE FIFTH!



READY TO START ON THAT INVENTORY? GEORGE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M LEAVING! SEE THAT CALENDAR! JUNE FIFTH! MY PAROLE IS ENDED! I'M FREE! I QUIT!



SMILING, HAPPY, GEORGE SELMAN RETURNED TO HIS OLD HAUNTS...

GETAWAY, GEORGIE?

A HUNDRED ON GET-AWAY TO WIN! I'VE GOT A HUNCH!

PLAYING A HUNCH ON A NAG WITH A NAME LIKE THAT... SOUNDS ALMOST AS IF YOU'D DONE SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T... AND GOT AWAY WITH IT!



WHAT DO YOU WANT? YOU GOT NOTHING ON ME! I CAN COME AND GO AS I PLEASE NOW! MY PAROLE IS UP! I'VE DONE MY TIME IN PRISON AND OUT OF IT!

SURE YOU HAVE, GEORGIE, AND SPEAKING OF TIME... WHAT TIME IS IT?



I... MY WATCH! I CAN'T FIND IT! I...

IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, GEORGIE?



WE FOUND IT IN A DEAD MAN'S FIST, GEORGIE! A PAWN BROKER! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE! YOU HAD SIX MONTHS, GEORGIE! BUT YOU PICKED THE WRONG ROAD! HOLD OUT YOUR HANDS!

NO! YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME IN! I'M FREE NOW AND I'M GOING TO STAY THAT WAY!

GET OUT OF MY WAY! I WON'T DO ANY MORE TIME! I'LL KILL YOU FIRST! I... UGH!

YOU'RE RIGHT, GEORGIE! YOU WON'T DO ANY MORE TIME! NOT MUCH, ANYWAY! THIS TIME YOU'RE GOING TO THE CHAIR!

AND THE WINNER OF THE LAST RACE... GET-AWAY!

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW, GEORGIE! YOU WON! A THOUSAND DOLLARS! I'D SAY YOU'RE A PRETTY LUCKY GUY!

I WON! I WON! A THOUSAND DOLLARS... JUST WHAT I NEEDED!

AND LATER... TAKE GOOD CARE OF GEORGIE, KELLY. HE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE! PUT THIS WATCH IN THE ENVELOPE WITH THE REST OF THE STUFF! YOU MIGHT TAKE A LOOK AT THE INSCRIPTION ON IT. IT'S VERY INTERESTING!

To DAVID SELMAN IN APPRECIATION OF 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

TIME IS FLEETING AND LIFE IS SHORT AND I AM TIME! USE ME WISELY, LEST SUDDENLY YOUR TIME RUNS OUT.

THE END

THE GREATEST INDIAN THAT EVER LIVED!

NOW IN COMICS!

AMERICAN EAGLE

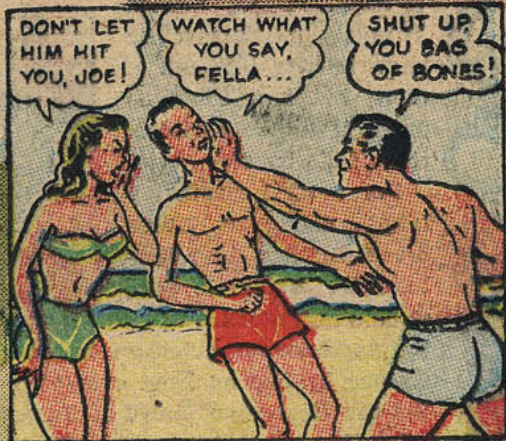
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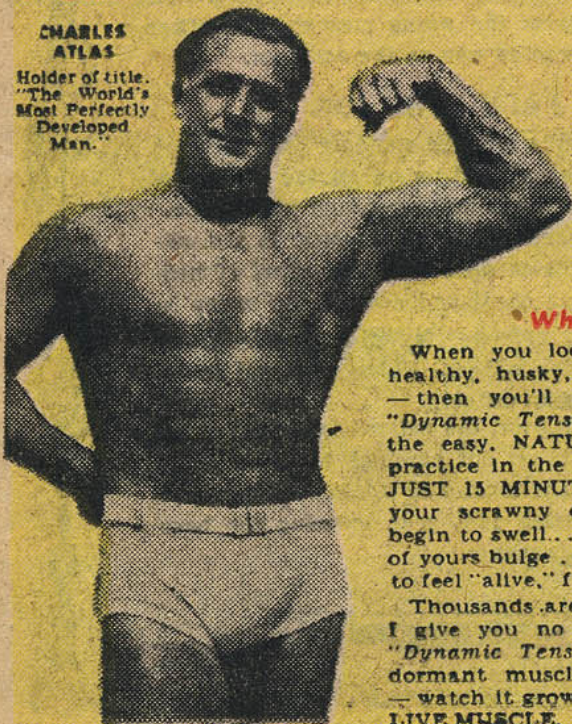
Hey SKINNY!

...YER RIBS ARE SHOWING!



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PEOPLE used to laugh at my skinny 97-pound body. I was ashamed to strip for sports or for a swim. Girls made fun of me behind my back. THEN I discovered my body-building system, "Dynamic Tension." It made me such a complete specimen of manhood that I hold the title, "The World's Most Perfectly Developed Man."

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CLOSEUPS

SID LEFFERT was in plenty of trouble. He knew he was innocent of theft, but how could he prove it to the satisfaction of his boss?

For several months, a large, exclusive ladies dress firm had been mysteriously losing its \$125 models from stock. At first the proprietor suspected the shipping department. So one by one he fired everybody but Leffert. But the dresses continued to disappear.

The boss called in Leffert. "You've been with the firm a long time, but if these thefts don't stop, you'll have to go at the end of the week."

With a family to support, Leffert was desperate. He began to spy on everybody, customers included. Every buyer who had a brief case, knitting bag, or even an overcoat was a suspect. One day a thin man came in to buy. He didn't even wear an overcoat. But, hiding in the racks, Leffert saw the thin man get fatter and fatter. Leffert called the boss, who knew the buyer and couldn't believe his eyes until Leffert jerked the man's belt open and six dresses tumbled to the floor.

ROUND TRIP

Recently in broad daylight, Ed Dolan, manager of a Milwaukee department store, was carrying \$5,174 in silver and currency in a canvas bag. Suddenly, he was confronted by a hungry-looking bandit with a gun who threatened him with death if he didn't hand over the sack. Stunned with surprise, Dolan let go of the bag. The robber grabbed it, threw it into the back of an old car at the curb and sped around the corner.

It sped so fast, however, that the rear door of the car flew open rounding the sharp curve and the openmouthed Dolan saw the bag tumble into the street. He lost no time retrieving it and hurried to the bank.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Sociologists agree that an ounce of crime prevention is worth a ton of cure. And other cities would be wise to follow the example of New York in curbing auto thefts.



It is now illegal in New York City to leave a motor vehicle unattended for longer than three minutes on city streets unless the motor is shut off and the ignition key removed.

OVERDOING IT

Every housewife in England was glad when the government started inspecting the pushcart scales of the itinerant peddler. It's a great convenience not to have to stand in line at the market, but suppose the peddler underweights you and you don't discover it until he's gone?

However, the case of Martin Tooney in Sheerness worked in reverse when the inspector made him pay a fine for cheating himself!

The law says the scales must be "correct." And Tooney was actually giving 17½ ounces for a pound, instead of 16. He was fined 2 pounds: "\$5.60."

LUCKY NUMBER

Detectives in Washington, D.C. asked the elevator starter in a big office building for the office number of a certain concern.

They took the elevator to the 2nd floor and entered an unlocked door, which had no sign on it. Inside were four men in shirt sleeves at a desk on which was scattered about \$4000 in cash, a pile of scratch sheets and numbers slips.

The dicks used one of the phones to call the paddy wagon. And down in the lobby with their arrested men they thanked the elevator starter for giving them the wrong number. The office they really wanted was on the 1st floor.

FBI ON THE JOB

A few months ago the manager of a midwest newspaper became fed up on all the reports of Russian spies worming secrets out of America.

So he dressed up his ace reporter in the uniform of a Russian officer, with a sheaf of medals across his chest and sent him to snoop around banks, defense factories, and Army and Navy recruiting offices. Nobody seemed to notice the Russian officer.

Madder than ever, the editor began to type out a hot editorial on our careless ways when his phone rang. The local FBI wanted to know who was the Russian just seen entering the back door of the newspaper.

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This is BREVY, new miracle Tummy Thinner. Two firm supports of non-stretch satin. Separate sheath of elastic-knit. Extra added power that flattens the tummy. Holds in tummy bulge twice as much as ordinary belts.

Now Reduce
TUMMY MEASUREMENT UP TO
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**SEND NO MONEY!
ORDER ON APPROVAL!**

The creators of the new FABULOUS girdle with miracle-working BREVY could never make these sensational claims unless positive of the amazing results! Convince yourself! Simply mail the coupon. FABULOUS with BREVY sent ON APPROVAL by return mail. FABULOUS with BREVY, the 2-in-1 girdle, is GUARANTEED TO REDUCE YOUR TUMMY MEASUREMENT up to 4 inches* INSTANTLY, or return in 10 days for immediate refund! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime offer! The amazing low price of only \$4.98, makes this the bargain of the century! Order TODAY! NOW!

*According to your anatomical structure.

Now FABULOUS with BREVY is really 2-GIRDLES-IN-1! Lay one hand firmly on your abdomen. Press up and in. This comfortable support is the basic control of FABULOUS. NOW—place your other hand on top, and press up and in with both hands. Takes in tummy *twice* as much with both hands. That's what added BREVY, the new miracle TUMMY THINNER does for you. Gives you *twice* as much Hold-In-Power in one girdle.

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- TRIMS LOOKS OF HIP AND THIGH
- TUCKS IN WAIST
- NO STEELS
- NO BONES
- NON-ROLL WAIST BAND
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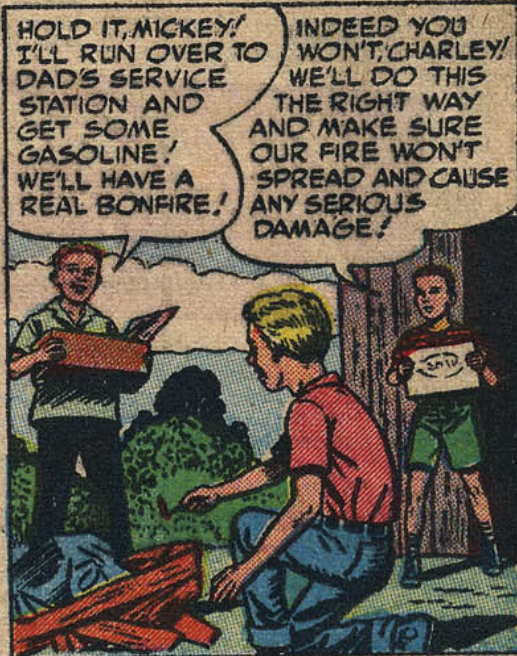
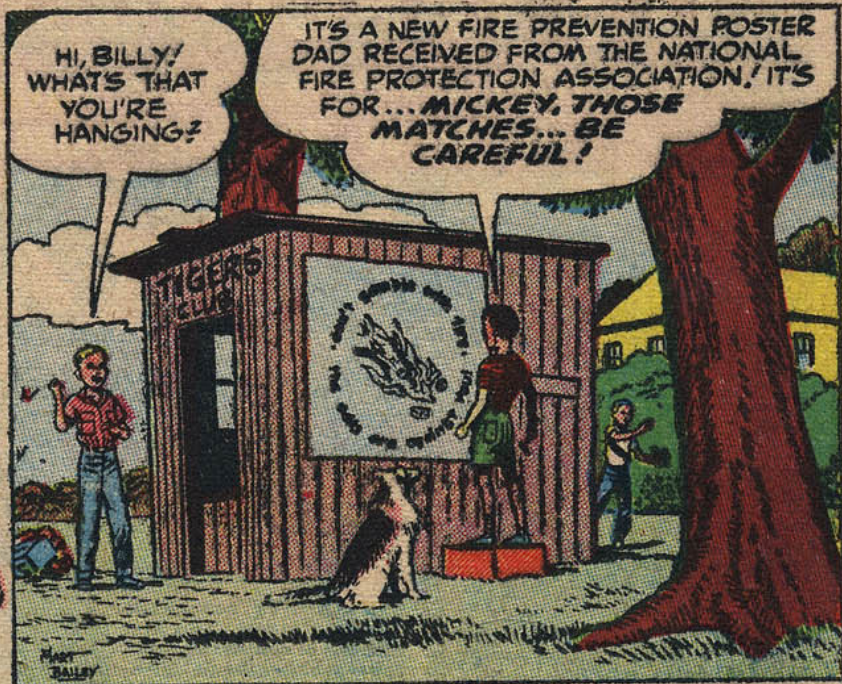
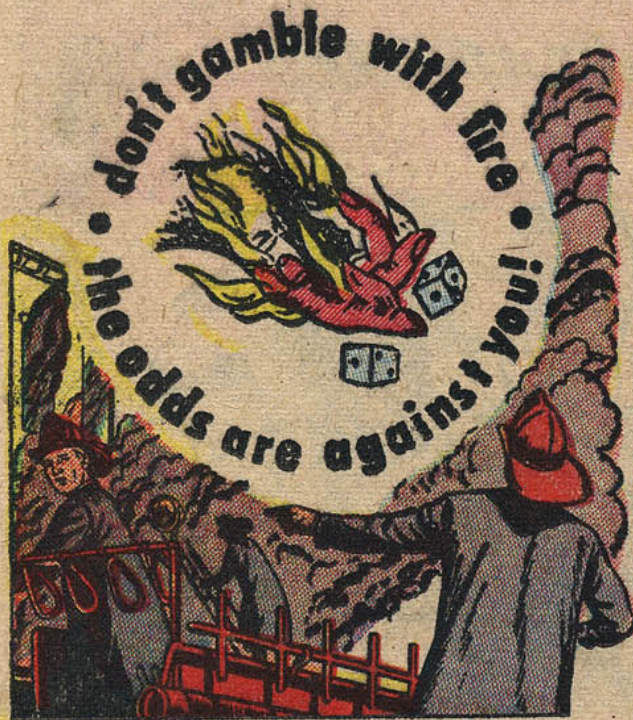
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Meet The Man...

Who Can Tell You How To Lick

PIMPLES

ACNE AND ALL OTHER EXTERNALLY CAUSED SKIN BLEMISHES And Make Them

DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT

Here is Mr. John A. Rubine, Ph.G. — a well-known pharmacist who has spent almost 20 years trying to solve one of the most vexing problems of youth — and adults too — unsightly, acne pimples, blackheads and similar externally caused skin conditions.

They are indeed a serious problem, for nothing can do more to ruin your chances of success and popularity than a face made ugly with pimples and blackheads. And, if neglected, acne pimples may leave permanent scars and pits.

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**Peter Sokol was nobody, nothing...until
he took a hand in a deadly game of...**

CROSS AND DOUBLE CROSS!



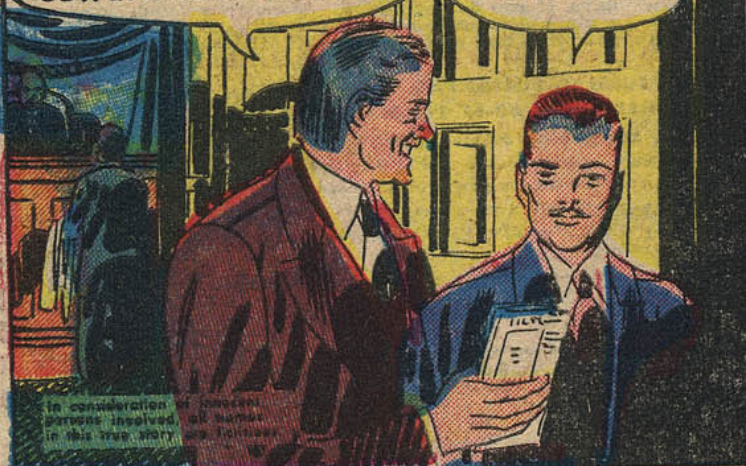
ONE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS, 1949, A MAN NAMED
PETER SOKOL STOOD UP BEFORE A JUDGE IN ONE
OF OUR LARGEST EASTERN CITIES.

WELL, SOKOL, YOU PASSED
YOUR EXAMINATION! IN A FEW
WEEKS YOU'LL BE A CITIZEN!
CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU...YOU
HAVE BEEN VERY
HELPFUL TO A MAN
WHO IS...**NOTHING!**
THANK YOU!

IN THIS COUNTRY **EVERY MAN**
IS IMPORTANT! THOSE PAMPHLETS
WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT! AND
IF YOU EVER NEED ANY MORE
HELP, WE'LL BE HERE! THAT'S
PART OF OUR JOB AS
IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS!

AND NOW...
I MUST GO
TO WORK!



In consideration of Russian
persons involved, all names
in this true story are fictitious.

ONCE PETER SOKOL HAD BEEN A PROSPEROUS BUSINESSMAN IN EUROPE, BUT THAT HAD BEEN BEFORE THE WAR BEFORE THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS!

SOKOL'S THOUGHTS STILL WERE BITTER AS HE REACHED THE DANCING STUDIO WHERE HE WORKED.

JOE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO PICK ME UP FOR AN HOUR YET!

I'VE GOT TWO COPS ON MY TAIL! HOW DO I GET OUT OF HERE?

SO YOU FINALLY SHOWED UP FOR MY DANCING LESSON!

MY APOLOGIES, FRAULEIN! I WALK, I THINK ABOUT MY MOTHER STARVING IN THE OLD COUNTRY! MONEY TROUBLES! I... BUT, LETS BEGIN!

IMPORTANT! HOW CAN A MAN BE IMPORTANT WHEN HE HAS NO HOPE, NO MONEY! IMPORTANT, BAH!



THAT'S THE ONLY DOOR!

THEN I'LL **BLAST** MY WAY OUT! IF THEY PICK ME UP WITH A POCKETFUL OF QUEER I'M DONE!

NEIN! NO! IN THE CLOSET, QUICKLY!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A MAN WEARING A DARK OVERCOAT! HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

A MAN? NEIN! I SEE NO ONE! I GIVE A DANCING LESSON!



THEY'RE GONE! COME ON, SLIP HIM A HUNDRED AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

FOR WHAT I NEED A... A HUNDRED DOLLARS WOULD BE NOTHING!

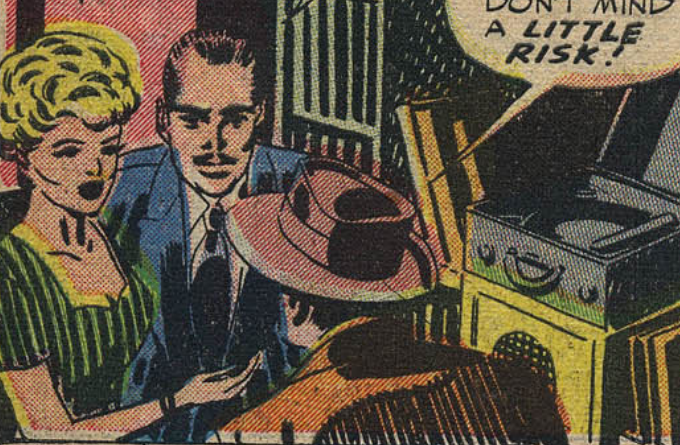
MAYBE I CAN RETURN YOUR FAVOR, PAL! I CAN PUT YOU NEXT TO SOME REAL DOUGH IF YOU DON'T MIND A LITTLE RISK!

PETER SOKOL LISTENED! THEN...

SURE! I SELL

COUNTERFEIT! SO THAT IS WHY YOU RAN FROM THE POLICE!

THE STUFF! HOW ABOUT IT? THREE GRAND WORTH OF QUEER FOR A THOUSAND BUCKS, AFTER WHAT YOU DID, I GUESS YOU CAN BE TRUSTED!



A THOUSAND DOLLARS! BUT I HAVE NO MONEY! WHERE WOULD I FIND A THOUSAND DOLLARS?

RAISE IT AND YOU'LL MAKE MONEY! WHERE YOU GET IT IS YOUR HEADACHE!

NO, WAIT! THERE IS ONE MAN! FROM THE OLD COUNTRY! HE WAS... IN BLACK MARKET! MAYBE HE WOULD HELP ME!

THAT'S UP TO YOU! IF YOU GET IT, JANEY WILL GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH ME!

PETER SOKOL THOUGHT FOR A LONG TIME! A DOZEN TIMES HE REACHED FOR THE TELEPHONE AND HESITATED, BUT AT LAST...

COUNTERFEIT, EH? AND YOU NEED A THOUSAND DOLLARS! SOUNDS INTERESTING! I'LL HAVE SOMEBODY CONTACT YOU, SOKOL! BUT... THIS HAD BETTER BE ON THE LEVEL!

ONCE, PETER SOKOL HAD FLED BEFORE OPPRESSION! IT HAD BEEN PURE INSTINCT WHICH HAD MADE HIM HIDE JOE SANTIS! BUT THE STEP, ONCE TAKEN COULD NOT BE RETRACED! THAT NIGHT...

YOU WISH TO SEE ME? I... WHAT...

YEAH, A FRIEND SENT US, SOKOL! SOMETHING ABOUT A LITTLE PROPOSITION! DON'T MIND IF WE LOOK AROUND, DO YOU?

BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR?

MICROPHONES, SOKOL! IN OUR BUSINESS WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES!

THERE WERE NO MICROPHONES, NO CONCEALED WIRES...

THEN YOU WILL GIVE ME THE THOUSAND DOLLARS! I WILL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT!

WE'LL KEEP THAT APPOINTMENT... OUT IN THE OPEN, WHERE WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU'RE PLANNING ANYTHING FUNNY!

BROADWAY AND FIFTIETH, SOKOL! TOMORROW NIGHT AT ELEVEN! BE THERE!

FROM THAT MOMENT ON PETER SOKOL MUST HAVE REALIZED WHAT HE HAD DONE! HE WAS BETWEEN TWO FIRES! BUT HE WENT ON! NEXT NIGHT...

SO YOU'RE JOE! MY NAME'S TANNER AND THIS IS MY PARTNER, SLIM! I WON'T WASTE TIME, SANTIS! YOU'VE GOT QUEER TO PEDDLE! WE'LL BUY... AFTER WE SEE WHAT KIND OF STUFF YOU'VE GOT!

THAT'S EASY! I'LL SHOW YOU A SAMPLE!

IT'S ONE OF THE BEST COUNTERFEITS I'VE EVER SEEN AND I'VE TAKEN A LOT. WE'LL TAKE **TWO HUNDRED GRAND WORTH!**

TWO HUNDRED ... ARE YOU KIDDING?

WE DON'T KID, JUNIOR! CAN YOU HANDLE IT, OR ARE YOU AS CHEAP AS YOU LOOK?

I... I DON'T KNOW! I'LL HAVE TO TALK TO THE BOSS! I CAN CALL HIM RIGHT NOW!

YEAH? YOU WOULDN'T, MAYBE, WANT TO CALL THE COPS, WOULD YOU, JUNIOR?

GO WITH HIM WHILE HE CALLS, SLIM... JUST IN CASE!

I... I DID NOT EXPECT THIS TO GET SO BIG! IT... IT MAKES ME AFRAID! I... I HAD BETTER GO!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! SOKOL, YOU STARTED THIS! SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN ON THE FINISH!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

IT'S ALL SET FOR TEN TOMORROW... LACEY HOTEL! WE BRING THE CASH, HE BRINGS THE QUEER!

PLEASE, I...

SAVE IT, SOKOL! YOU'RE IN! WE'RE GOING TO CHECK UP ON YOU A LITTLE MORE! FOR LUCK!

PETER SOKOL WAS FRIGHTENED! ALL THAT NIGHT HE WALKED THE STREETS, THINKING, ALMOST WISHING THERE WERE SOME WAY TO UNDO WHAT HE HAD DONE! THEN WEARINESS DROVE HIM HOME...

YOU STAY OUT PRETTY LATE, SOKOL! COME ON IN AND JOIN THE PARTY!

WHAT... WHO... WHO ARE YOU? POLICE?

COPS? US? NAH! WE'RE JUST VISITING! WE WANTED TO GET THE ANSWER TO A FEW QUESTIONS!

LIKE FOR INSTANCE ... ARE YOU WORKING FOR THE COPS?

UGH!

THAT WAS JUST TO SHOW WE'RE NOT FOOLING! YOU'VE STARTED SOMETHING THAT WORKS INTO A PRETTY BIG DEAL, SOKOL! WHO ARE YOU TIED IN WITH?

I..GASP.. NO ONE... NO ONE... WHO..WHO SENT YOU.. HERE...



THE STUBBORN TYPE, EH? OKAY! IF YOU WANT IT THE **HARD WAY**, THAT'S HOW YOU'LL GET IT!

UGH!



FOR LONG, AGONIZING MINUTES TWO MEN BEAT AND SLUGGED PETER SOKOL TO A QUIVERING PULP! BUT HE TOLD THEM NOTHING! HOW COULD HE!

HE MUST BE **ON THE LEVEL!** NOBODY COULD TAKE WHAT HE DID AND KEEP QUIET! HE'S NOT WORKING WITH ANY COPS!

NO, I GUESS NOT!



AND SO IT WAS THAT THE MEN WHO CALLED THEMSELVES SLIM AND TANNER FOUND PETER SOKOL THE NEXT MORNING... AND TOOK HIM ALONG WITH THEM!

SAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

NEVER MIND HIM! WHERE'S YOUR BOSS?

RIGHT HERE, WAITING!



YOU... WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE NICK PRADA! WHEN DID YOU GIVE UP HEISTING FOR COUNTERFEITING?

YOU KNOW A LOT! SKIP IT! HERE'S THE TWO HUNDRED G'S, LET'S SEE THE COLOR OF YOUR DOUGH!



JUST LIKE THAT, EH? YOU'LL SEE OUR DOUGH **WHEN** WE SEE THE QUEER! AND IN CASE YOU'RE FIGURING ON HEISTING US, DON'T! THIS ISN'T A CAP PISTOL IN MY POCKET!

CAREFUL, EH?



YEAH! THAT'S WHY WE'VE LIVED SO LONG! WE... WHAT TH... **BRICKS!**

SO IT WAS A... DOUBLE CROSS!

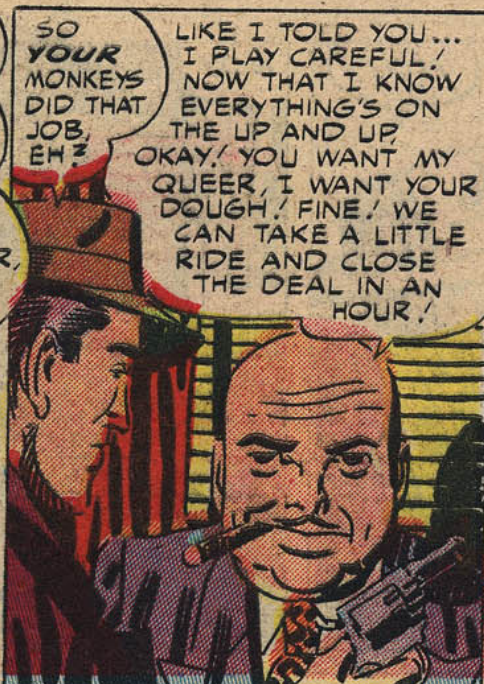
TAKE IT EASY! I PLAY **CAREFUL**, TOO! I HAD TO BE SURE YOU WEREN'T COPS OR T-MEN!





MAYBE I OUGHT TO PUT THE BLAST ON YOU! HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL!

BECAUSE I SAY SO! I DON'T TAKE CHANCES! I EVEN HAD SOME OF MY BOYS WORK THIS YOKEL OVER, JUST IN CASE!



SO YOUR MONKEYS DID THAT JOB, EH?

LIKE I TOLD YOU... I PLAY CAREFUL! NOW THAT I KNOW EVERYTHING'S ON THE UP AND UP OKAY! YOU WANT MY QUEER, I WANT YOUR DOUGH! FINE! WE CAN TAKE A LITTLE RIDE AND CLOSE THE DEAL IN AN HOUR!



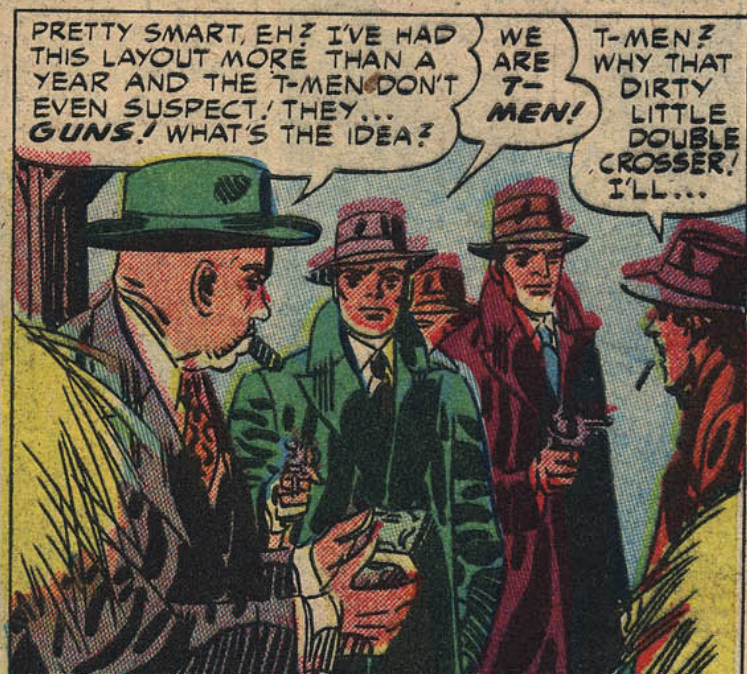
LATER... WELL, HERE WE ARE!

YEAH? WHERE? ALL I SEE IS A BARN STUCK OUT IN THE STICKS TWENTY MILES FROM NOWHERE...



WELL, I'LL BE... A **PRINTING PLANT** RIGHT SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF A BUNCH OF COWS!

I'M A DAIRY FARMER! ASK ANYBODY! I EVEN SELL MILK! THIS IS ONE SPOT THE T-MEN WILL **NEVER** LOCATE! NOW, I GET THAT PHONEY DOUGH!



PRETTY SMART, EH? I'VE HAD THIS LAYOUT MORE THAN A YEAR AND THE T-MEN DON'T EVEN SUSPECT! THEY... **GUNS!** WHAT'S THE IDEA?

WE ARE **T-MEN!**

T-MEN? WHY THAT DIRTY LITTLE DOUBLE CROSSER! I'LL...



YOU'LL DO NOTHING! YOU NEVER ASKED SOKOL **WHO HIS FRIEND WAS**, JOE! IT WAS A MAN NAMED ANDERSON! AN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL! SOKOL CALLED HIM AND ANDERSON US!

AND SOKOL'S BEEN WORKING WITH US EVER SINCE! HE'S TAKEN A LOT BUT **HE'S DONE A REAL JOB!** WE WANTED YOUR LAYOUT, PRADA! NOW WE'VE GOT IT!



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I TOLD YOU I WAS CAREFUL, T-MEN!

JUST WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

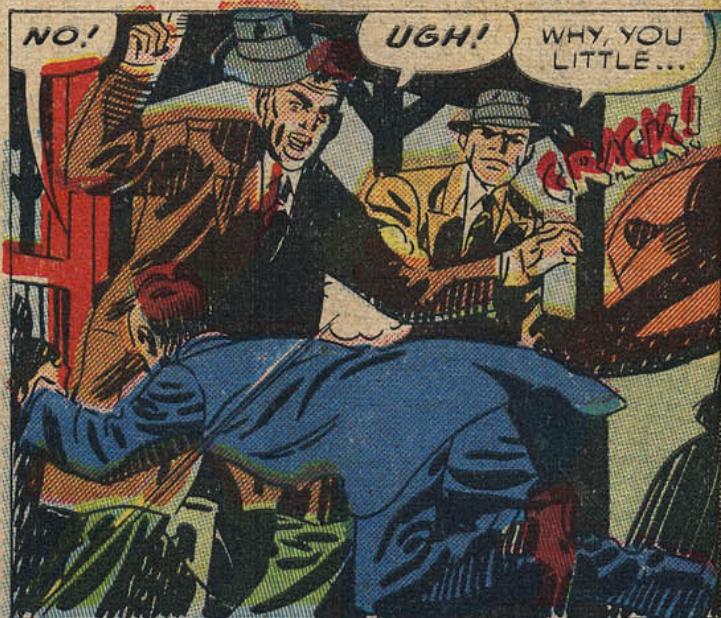
IT MEANS THE BOSS HAD US PLANTED OUT BACK, COPPERS! **REACH!**



WHAT'LL WE DO, BOSS? GIVE IT TO 'EM NOW?

YEAH, WHY NOT?

NO!



NO!

UGH!

WHY, YOU LITTLE...



ARGHH! GET 'EM!



NOT THIS TIME, PRADA!

ALL RIGHT, SANTIS, HOLD IT! YOU'RE COVERED!

I...OKAY! DON'T... DON'T SHOOT!



IT TOOK ONLY A MOMENT FOR THE T-MEN TO SECURE THEIR PRISONERS. THEN THEY TURNED TO PETER SOKOL ...

PETE! HOW BAD IS IT?

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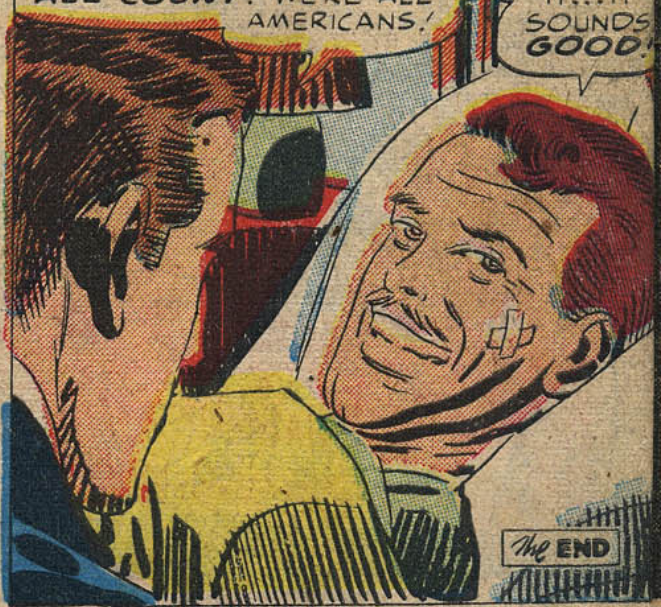
YOU ARE SO GOOD! I THINK... MAYBE I... I AM GOING TO CRY! YOU DO SO MUCH. AND FOR ME, FOR A... A NOBODY!

NO, NOT FOR A NOBODY, PETE! I TOLD YOU ONCE, EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS IMPORTANT IN THIS COUNTRY! AND YOU PROVED IT BY WHAT YOU DID!

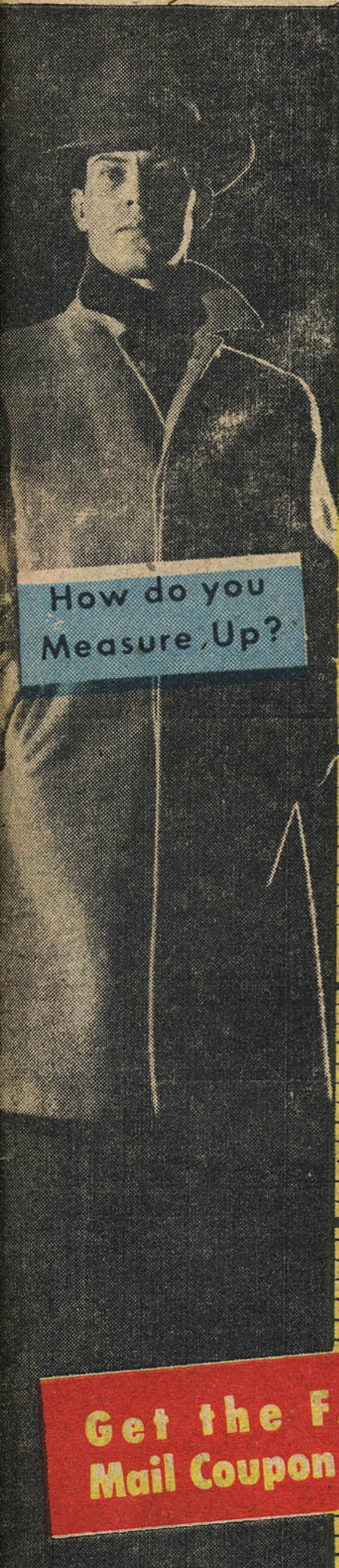


THERE ARE NO LITTLE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, PETE! THEY ALL COUNT! WE'RE ALL AMERICANS!

EVEN... EVEN ME! IT... IT SOUNDS GOOD!



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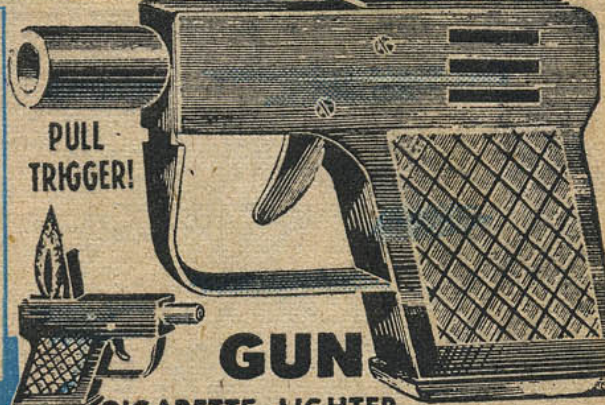
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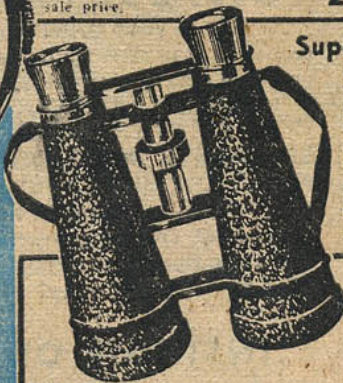


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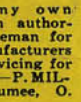
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